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Pensioner Joe, 72, feels like crying as 14ft plants tower over him

DWARFED BY WEED INVASION

GRANDFATHER Joe Halford is at loggerheads with Dudley Council over "frightening", 14ft-tall, bamboo-like weeds which tower over him in his garden.

Mr Halford, aged 72, says a council official told him the Japanese knotweed at the Brierley Hill bungalow he moved into three weeks ago

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would be cleared by the environmental department.

But now, he says, the council is telling him he must get rid of the notoriously tough weed himself – a job he can't do because he suffers from osteoarthritis.

"Six blokes couldn't do this job in a fortnight so it's unbelievable to think that a 72-year-old man with osteoarthritis in his knees could do it," said Mr Halford, a

retired road surface layer. He says that when he was shown round the one-bedroom council bungalow in Tennyson Street before moving from his old council flat in Dunston Close, Kingswinford, the garden gate was locked so he could not see the state of the back of the property.

And when he moved in he was shocked to see that the knotweed had invaded the garden, dwarfing his own 5ft 6in frame.

"I've chopped it down on my patio with a shovel but it's growing back already," he said.

"I moved into this bungalow because I could no longer climb steps up to my flat and I was looking forward to having a garden.

"But now I just feel like crying."

Mr Halford claims that when he was shown the bungalow the gate to the garden was locked.

"The housing official told me there was Japanese knotweed in the garden but not to worry because it was being seen to by the environment department," he said.

The council said it had been in contact with Mr Halford about clearing the knotweed but the treatment of it took time.

Spokeswoman Louise Kavanagh said: "As discussed with the tenant the council will monitor and treat the Japanese knotweed, however it does need to be treated by our experts.

"As it is in the growing stage, it cannot be treated at the moment as it would not be effective."



The Japanese knotweed towers over Joe Halford

Police dawn raids in rogue traders probe

DAWN raids were carried out on three addresses in Dudley as part of a probe into a suspected rogue trader ring targeting more than 100 elderly and vulnerable people.

A 37-year-old man arrested at a house in Brierley Hill and another man, aged 42, at a caravan park in south Staffordshire on suspicion of fraud were released on police bail.

Officers from West Midlands and Staffordshire Police were joined by trading standards teams for raids carried out shortly after 5am on Monday. Documents, including financial statements and invoices for driveway and building work were seized.

The arrests were made in Raglan Street, Brockmoor, and at a caravan park off Stafford Road, Coven Heath. Documents were seized from two homes in Tiled House Lane, Pensnett.

Sgt Martin Hall from Dudley police, who led the raids, said they were part of investigations into a possible rogue trader ring operating over the past two years.

Rape-claim woman loses daughter plea

A DUDLEY mother who was banned from seeing her daughter after falsely accusing the child's father of rape, has failed in an Appeal Court bid to get the ruling overturned. She accused her partner of raping her in the course of a mental breakdown in 2008.

Last year, the mother was banned from face-to-face contact with her daughter and the Appeal Court agreed that direct contact "was likely at this stage to be significantly damaging to the little girl". But the court told the mother she could apply again for contact when she has made progress with her own "fragile" state of mind.

Big day out as the Mini hits its 50th birthday

THOUSANDS of people from all over the country braved belated April showers to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Mini at Himley Hall.

Fifty years since first rolled off the production line, the Mini is as popular as ever and around 500 cars were on show at British Mini Day, on Sunday.

Organiser Dave Hollis estimated more than 3,000 people attended. "It was a really good day," he said.

Cars ranged from those manufactured at Longbridge 50 years ago to those being created today by new owners BMW.

Council gets new leader

DUDLEY Council has a new leader after its deputy was chosen to step up into the top job. Councillor Les Jones was elected unopposed on Monday to take over leadership of the borough's ruling Conservative group from Anne Millward who dramatically lost her seat in Gornal by just two votes at Thursday's elections. He will remain acting council leader until formally taking his position on May 19.

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Postman failed to deliver mail

A POSTMAN dumped thousands of letters near Dudley Zoo and kept a haul of more than 4,000 mail items at his home.

David Spiers, of Park Moor Gardens, Dudley, had been employed by Royal Mail for more than two years and worked as a postal operator for the delivery office in Walsall.

The 31-year-old dumped 6,385 letters and catalogues near the zoo and kept 4,654 at his home.

An investigation was launched after a member of the public reported seeing mail dumped off Tipton Road.

Walsall Magistrates Court heard on Monday that some of the mail dated back to February 2010.

Mr John Dove, prosecuting on behalf of Royal Mail, said an investigation was sent to recover the items.

He said Spiers was approached on February 1 and was suspended after he admitted having more undelivered mail at his home.

In mitigation, Mr Julian Derry said: "He said when things got too much for him he dumped the items of mail."

Adjourned

Spiers admitted two counts of intentionally delaying the delivery of postal packets between February 27, 2010 and February 1, 2011 and from May 15, 2010 to December 7, 2010.

His case was adjourned and he was given conditional bail to appear for sentence today. (May 12).

Support college scheme – head

A HEADTEACHER has backed Dudley College's plans for a new sixth form and higher education centre.

Graham Lloyd, head of Holly Hall School Mathematics and Computing College, said he hoped the proposals would receive unanimous support from the community.

He has written a letter of support after revised plans, which form part of a proposed £30 million university-style campus, were lodged with Dudley Council.

The college had hoped to demolish Kudos House, a 19th century doctor's surgery, to make way for the scheme but it was awarded Grade II listed status.

Now the college plans to alter the building on

the corner of Ednam Road and Priory Road so it can be used by staff and build the new sixth form on land behind it.

Mr Lloyd said in his letter: "I was very disappointed that the previous application was opposed and had to be withdrawn."

Cater

"Dudley College should be commended and be enjoying the whole hearted support of the council and the community for what they are trying to achieve."

The development – called Dudley Sixth and Dudley Higher – will cater for more than 600 students and bosses hope building work will start on the first phase of the project later this year.

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Austen classic for open theatre

THEATRE in the Woods will be returning to Warley this summer with a Jane Austen classic.

The Warley Woods Community Trust has once again recruited Heartbreak Productions to put on the open-air production – and this year the performance on July 1 will be of *Pride and Prejudice*.

Jane Austen's popular classic set in the village of Meryton follows the story of five sisters' romantic adventures. From the sweet oldest daughter Jane, down to the coquettish and petulant Lydia, the whole spectrum of women's behaviour is examined.

The classic has been given a contemporary feel by Heartbreak Productions' writer in residence, David Kerby Kendall.

The performance will include period dance, music and song.

Audience members are encouraged to bring their own seats or picnic rugs and picnics. Food, drinks and ice creams will be available to buy.

Tickets are £12 for adults, £8 for children and £35 for a family of two adults and two children. They are available by calling 0121 4292440.

£911,000 to head off extremist teachings

KEEPING young Muslims from turning to extremism in the Black Country by laying on a variety of community activities and groups has cost £911,000, latest figures show.

Boxing lessons, theatre groups and training for women and faith leaders have been offered through the Preventing Violent Extremism programme set up under the former Labour government.

There have now been calls for a full evaluation of the project to see if it had made a difference. Public money has

gone to various agencies in each of the four boroughs.

It has been used to fund work with young people and with imams in mosques to train them in curbing extremist ideas.

Different

In Dudley £9,000 was spent on theatre classes to teach children about respecting people from different cultures, while Walsall spent almost £12,000 on a conference to explain that violence is not acceptable.

In Wolverhampton 40 young men and women from different cultural backgrounds took part in a lead-

ership programme that cost £1,000 a head.

It gave them fitness sessions but also taught them about mentoring, conflict resolution and counselling.

There were also events put on for an armed forces day with presentations on the role of Muslim, Sikh and African Caribbean soldiers in the Second World War.

Sandwell Council spent £3,000 on training people how to give good media interviews. A further £5,000 went on citizenship lessons which included a local imam talking to Muslim students about being an active citizen in British society.

Single lane scheme on bridge is dropped

PLANS to make a busy bridge in Stourbridge a single lane have been dropped.

Dudley Council had proposed the scheme to save wear on the railway bridge in Vicarage Road, Amblecote. Work had been due to start in January but was put on hold after residents in Vicarage Road, Kirkstone Way and Hillgrounds Road said they had not been consulted.

Cabinet member for highways Councillor Angus Adams today said repairwork would still go ahead.

Obesity problem's £84m borough bill

THE cost of treating overweight and obese patients in Dudley last year was £84 million, new figures reveal. Health chiefs are now trying to drive down the cost by encouraging people to become more healthy.

Figures show there are 40,000 obese adults and 900 obese children in the borough.

The annual bill, which has risen by £1m from last year, covers the cost of specialist treatment, bariatric surgery and staff training in prevention and management of obesity.

Dudley Primary Care Trust is aiming to tackle obesity through a number of projects such as activity sessions, healthy eating classes and health trainers.

There is also the Healthy Town scheme which has seen around £4.5m invested at

five parks in the borough. Dudley is one of only nine towns and cities nationally to be chosen for the programme which aims to prevent childhood obesity.

Director of public health Valerie Little said: "Being overweight can lead to some serious long-term health conditions such as diabetes and heart disease, however the risk of such conditions can be reduced by leading a healthy lifestyle, eating well and exercising regularly."

Classes

"We have a number of initiatives to support people to lose weight and lead a healthier lifestyle including referrals to slimming clubs, cookery classes, exercise programmes, a health trainer service and the new healthy hubs in local parks."

In 2009, the cost was estimated to be around £83m.

Nursing home warned on handling of records

A NURSING home has been warned that it must improve record handling to ensure residents get enough food and drink, the right drugs and general care.

The Care Quality Commission (CQC) says it has "moderate concerns" about care and welfare at the 30-bed Foresters Nursing Home, Walton Pool, Clent, near Stourbridge, whether nutritional needs are always met and the management of medicines.

The CQC – which monitors homes – gave the Foresters, run by Redwood Care

Homes, Ltd, a month to say how it would improve. The home deputy manager said an action plan had already gone to the CQC and much had been done to ensure care plans were kept up to date and followed through.

The CQC stepped in after concerns were raised by some relatives about whether residents always had enough to eat and drink.

A report says people living there and relatives told inspectors staff were "kind" and there was a "caring approach" to residents.

"We found that information about the care people need was not always up to date or correctly written down for staff to refer to," says the report. "This could cause confusion and put people at risk due to staff not being clear about the correct care to give."

"We saw that some important information about people who need a lot of help to eat and drink was not always filled in regularly or with enough detail."

"This puts people at risk because staff cannot keep a proper check on this aspect of their health."

Inconsistent

The report adds that ineffective stock control and ordering systems meant over-stocking with medication and records of what drugs had been ordered and administered not well enough organised.

"People may not always receive the correct care because some care records contain inconsistent information," says the report.

Fiona Milne, deputy manager at the Foresters, said: "The inspectors could see that our residents are well looked after – and now we have the systems to make sure that is always the case."

Hills alive with sound of music

THE Clent Hills Singers will be joining other voices from the West Midlands to sing Mendelssohn's *Elijah* in Birmingham Town Hall on June 26. Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra, professional soloists and a massed choir of 150 voices will be conducted by Michael Lloyd.

The event is organised by Making Music and takes place 165 years after the first performance of *Elijah* – also in Birmingham Town Hall – which was conducted by Mendelssohn himself. Rehearsals take place this month.

Families in deals to rescue homes

MORE than 20 Dudley families who were faced with the prospect of having their property repossessed have been given help to ensure they could stay in their homes.

Officials have stepped in to help householders through the Government Mortgage Rescue Scheme, which was first introduced in January 2009 as a safety net for owners facing repossession. New figures from

Dudley Council show there have been a total of 23 rescues completed up until the end of March this year.

Under the scheme instead of owning their home via a mortgage, residents are converted to affordable rent schemes in conjunction with local housing associations.

New criteria has also been brought in for the scheme and the highest priority will now be given to households whose need would be difficult to meet.

Youngsters digging for victory



Parent Gemma Stewart with Ellie Stewart-Gibbs, aged seven, and three-year-old Matthew Gibbs

GREEN-fingered pupils have been busy making the garden grow at Halesowen C of E Primary School.

They have been planting shrubs and plants in the school's courtyard garden as well as creating a vegetable patch as part of a science week at the school in High Street.

The vegetable patch will also link to a topic being studied by children in years three to five around children's experiences during the Second World War and the need for self-sufficiency during the war years.

B&Q in Halesowen has donated bags of compost and plastic plant pots to the school while Asda has donated a range of vegetable seeds and seed trays. Key stage two co-ordinator Tom Garner said:

"Events like this are an important part of developing our creative curriculum."

Hospice flagship shop to expand

A NEW venture is being launched by a Stourbridge-based charity in order to plug vital gaps in funding during the financial downturn.

Mary Stevens Hospice needs around £2 million a year to fund care for patients suffering long-term and life-limiting illnesses.

A new book store will be based in its flagship shop, based in the former Mark and Moody stationery store on the town's high street.

It is the second stage of a long-term plan to bring in crucial cash to help it through the uncertainty brought by the proposed changes to the NHS which provides some of its funding.

Renovations

The book store has been funded thanks to a £10,000 donation by long-term supporter and Brierley Hill businessman Mike Brown.

It is based in the empty first floor of the store and is nearly finished after new shelving, flooring and other building work and renovations were completed.

Bosses hope to recreate the experience of stores including WH Smith and Waterstone's and it will also be filling the gap soon-to-be left in the town when specialist book retailer Books Unlimited closes its Lower High Street store.

A wealth of book donations has already filled stockrooms at the hospice store. But bosses are making an appeal for more.

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Degree fees set at £8,500 a year

STUDENTS will have to pay £8,500 per year if they want to go to Wolverhampton University from next year.

The university claims the hike in annual student fees will compensate for the loss of Government funding and help "maintain a quality student experience".

The hike is just short of the £9,000 maximum fee threshold. It means students will pay just £500 a year less than those studying at elite Cambridge and Oxford universities.

Wolverhampton University vice-chancellor Professor Caroline Gipps defended the decision.

Courses

She said: "We have come to this decision after careful consideration with stakeholders and through conducting research amongst prospective students, their parents and careers advisers."

Wolverhampton North East MP Emma Reynolds said she was "deeply concerned" by how the fee rise would affect low-income families. She said: "More than half of the students at the university are from deprived backgrounds."

More than 80 universities across the country have now revealed their plans for student fees in 2012. Around two thirds want to charge £9,000 for some or all courses – and only a handful are offering all their courses below £8,000.

Pupils get stuck in at grot spot

PUPILS from a Brierley Hill school got stuck into some litter picking to clean up a local "grot spot".

More than 20 children from Hawbush Primary stayed on after lessons to give their make-over to an alleyway next to the school, between Hawbush Road and Moor Street on May 3. The pupils are also members of the Hawbush Project, helping the local community.

The session was organised by Groundwork, the environmental charity, as part of the European Year of Volunteering.

Amit Dattani, leader for Groundwork West Midlands in the Black Country, said: "The alleyway next to Hawbush Primary had become a local grot spot."

Recession-hit pub to get massive facelift as fish and chip restaurant



Revamp – the Vine pub in Wordsley

BOARDS covering windows and doors at the Vine pub in Wordsley have come down as new owners prepared to launch a "huge" renovation project to transform it into a fish and chip restaurant.

The new owners of the pub, formerly the Mad O'Rourke's Bar and Grill, hope to transform the struggling pub into a successful second branch of Goodies Fish and Chip restaurant and takeaway.

Spiros Bojouri, who has been involved in chip shops for more than 20 years, carried out a similar project at the former Four Furnaces in Pensnett High Street and said it had proved "very popular indeed" since opening at the start of last year. "We need planning per-

mission to come through first, and hopefully that will be in about eight weeks," said father-of-four Mr Bojouri, aged 39, who lives nearby in Wordsley.

"We are planning for it to be exactly like the Goodies in Pensnett, only even better with inside and outside eating areas."

Magnet

"If all goes well we will be looking to hire between 20 and 30 people to work there."

"It will be a huge project as a lot needs to be done. We will be completely redecorating."

He said the building will remain shut until the project is complete in between eight months and a year's time. Mad

O'Rourke's owner Pete Towler put the subsidiary company which owned the pub into administration – and subsequently receivership – in June, handing the building back to Marston's Brewery, blaming the recession.

A string of temporary owners took the helm but were unable to keep the pub afloat and eventually receivers Begbies Traynor boarded it up.

Mr Bojouri added: "It failed as pub, but hopefully as a Goodies it will be the future."

He and his wife Maria ploughed around £500,000 into the former Four Furnaces to transform it into Goodies.

The pub had been a magnet for vandalism and anti-social behaviour since closing in February 2008.

Tagging order hit a power problem

A CANNABIS grower from the Black Country has been excused his electronic tagging curfew order – because his electricity supply has been cut off.

The tag would not operate without power, a court was told.

Warley Magistrates Court heard that Kevin Ore, of Hill Top, West Bromwich, had been given a 60-day overnight curfew from 8pm to 6am after he was convicted of producing cannabis in March.

However, when officers from tagging company Serco attended the 49-year-old's home, they found he was sitting in the dark using a torch to see by.

Signal

The court heard Ore was in dispute with his electricity provider over an unpaid £2,800 bill.

Electronic tags transmit a signal which is received by a monitoring unit in the person's home, which requires electricity to operate.

Magistrates have now revoked the order and replaced it with 60 hours of unpaid work.

Show to be in the spotlight

AN ILLUSTRATED talk on one of the country's most celebrated 19th century exhibitions will be held in Stourbridge.

Lecturer Charles Hajdamach will be the guest of Stourbridge Historical Society for the event on May 19.

The talk will explore the history of The Crystal Palace Exhibition of 1851.

Mr Hajdamach is an expert on the glass industry and is former director of Broadfield House Glass Museum, in Kingswinford.

The meeting is at the Amblecote Room of Stourbridge Town Hall, in the Crown Centre at 7.30pm.

Patio at pub is approved

A TIPTON pub has been given approval to build a patio with a retractable canopy.

The work is to be carried out at the Royal Oak at Dudley Port.

Muslim leaders try to finalise mosque plans

MUSLIM leaders in Dudley revealed they are working with council officers to finalise controversial proposals for a new mosque before the deadline to lodge a detailed planning application expires in July.

Dudley Muslim Association has until July 17 to submit its designs for the mosque, which would be built in Hall Street, after a High Court ruling.

Chairman Kurshid Ahmed said work on the mosque plans was "progressing" well. He said the association was seeking advice from the authority.

"We are working with the council and will be submitting the plans. At the moment, I can't say when this will be because I don't know how long it will take," he said.

It was recently revealed that plans for the mosque, which is expected to cost up to £12 million, would be scaled down but the association is remaining tight-lipped on the details.

Outline plans for the new mosque and community training and enterprise centre were rejected by Dudley Council but overturned by the Planning Inspectorate in Bristol in 2008.

A High Court judge later overturned an appeal against the decision by Dudley Council but ruled the Dudley Muslim Association must submit a full planning application by July 2011, which is when outline planning permission for the scheme expires.

But the council is now preparing a High Court case in a bid to buy back the land earmarked for the mosque, citing a clause in the land contract as a reason.

The clause meant the mosque had to be substantially completed by the end of 2008. The council's legal papers have been lodged but no hearing date has yet been fixed.

Director of urban environment John Millar said: "The outline planning application was approved on July 17 2008. Anyone with an approved outline planning application has three years from the date of its approval to submit a detailed application before the outline planning application expires."

The legal bill to halt plans for the mosque has so far cost the council £53,378.50.

Longer hours for Morrisons

SUPERMARKETS group Morrisons has extended the opening hours at its stores across the West Midlands.

Stores in Kingswinford, Bilston, Pendeford, Aldridge, Lichfield Street in Walsall and in Lichfield are now open from 8am to 9pm from Monday to Saturday.

In Kidderminster and Burntwood they are open from 7am to 10pm, while in Wednesbury and Wallows Lane in Walsall the stores are open from 8am to 10pm.

Exclusion attack by Tories' leader

MEETINGS between neighbourhood police and a council have come under fire for excluding opposition chiefs.

Now a letter has been sent to the Chief Constable of West Midlands Police.

Councillor Ray Nock, leader of Sandwell Council's Tory opposition group, wrote to Chris Sims asking why his group are excluded from town tasking meetings.

Town tasking is a monthly partnership meeting between the council, police, Sandwell

Homes, West Midlands Fire Service and other organisations.

The meetings address anti-social behaviour and other issues.

Councillor Darren Cooper told the council that Labour, as the leading party, had no reason to invite Tories.

Councillor Nock said: "I have written to the Chief Constable asking for his views on why opposition councillors elected by the people are excluded from very important meetings on local crime and disorder in their own wards."

Charity boost by supermarket



Sainsbury's store staff celebrate raising more than £2,500

BAG PACKS, raffles and a balloon release were just some of the ways supermarket staff helped to raise more than £2,500 for their chosen charity.

Workers at Sainsbury's in Amblecote have spent 12 months generating cash for the Black Country Talking Newspaper and Magazine.

Fundraising events have been held throughout the year including dress down days, a flower wrapping service and a football sweepstake.

Digest

A total of £2,547 has now been handed over to the charity, which produces weekly CDs consisting of a digest of news and sport taken from local newspapers together with other items of interest for people with sight loss.

Charity co-ordinator Bronwen Hall said: "We're really grateful for the fantastic efforts of the colleagues and customers at Sainsbury's Amblecote."

"They have really helped to raise the profile of our charity in Stourbridge."

Store manager Vernon Dix said: "We would like to thank all our customers and colleagues."

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Midnight abseil to boost funds



Head of fundraising for Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge, Janet Jones, gets a head for heights as she prepares for a midnight abseil at Dudley Castle VOLUNTEERS with a head for heights are being sought to take part in a charity challenge at a Black Country landmark.

Mary Stevens Hospice, Stourbridge, is offering people the chance to compete in a midnight abseil from the turrets of Dudley Castle on June 18. The entry fee of £20 includes the abseil, a ghost talk, Horrible Histories show and animal encounter, with events starting at 9.30pm.

Register

Hospice head of fundraising Janet Jones said: "A specialist company will be looking after those taking part as safety of our participants is paramount. Abseils are always popular with all ages.

Spaces are sure to fill up really quickly so early registration is recommended. Janet added: "The views from the castle are spectacular day or night and will certainly be an experience to remember."

To register for the abseil people can enter online at www.marystevenshospice.co.uk or call the fundraising team on 01384 377778.

Stairs fall man had heart attack

A MAN died after falling down the stairs of the home he shared with his wife in the Black Country, an inquest heard.

Howard Dance, aged 63, was discovered by his wife Veronica in the hallway of their home in Mucklow Hill, Halesowen, on October 17 last year. The inquest had been delayed by a few weeks after Mr Dance's wife, who retained

her name of Dickens, died on April 2 from severe heart disease and a heart attack.

The couple had been watching the television when Mr Dance left the living room to go upstairs, Smethwick. Coroner's Court was told.

Black Country coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death at the hearing on April 27.

Snapshot of a golden age

HUNDREDS of photographs taken during the golden age of steam travel will be on display, and on sale, at a Midlands venue. Kidderminster Railway Museum in Station Approach, Comberton Hill, will stage the photograph fair on July 9. Staff will open up the museum's own archive for visitors to see more than 160,000 images from 10am until 4.30pm.

Family set for legal battle despite verdict by coroner

THE family of a man who died after a breathing tube came loose from his throat is suing a Black Country hospital – despite a coroner saying staff had treated him "properly".

Alan Hickman, aged 62, of Leahouse Road, Tipton, died 12 days after being admitted to Russells Hall in Dudley with breathing problems, an inquest heard. He was given a tracheotomy – where a tube is inserted into the windpipe – but the tube came loose during physiotherapy and oxygen he was being given was prevented from reaching his lungs.

Coroner Mr Robin Balmain recorded a narrative verdict and said he was satisfied that Mr Hickman was "treated adequately and properly".

But Mr Hickman's family say his death could have been avoided.

The inquest heard that since Mr Hickman's death, guidelines into treating tracheotomy patients have been revised. Now during physio sessions, the tube is held in place by one member of staff while the other rolls the patient over, said Catherine Carr, a physiotherapist at Russells Hall who treated Mr Hickman on June 13 – the day of his death.

Procedures

The father-of-three, who worked as a universal grinder for 45 years, was diagnosed with pneumonia when he entered hospital on June 1 last year and was given the operation on June 11. There was an air leak in the tracheotomy tube cuff and stitches had

come undone on one side of the wound, said Elizabeth Smith, an intensive care nurse.

Mr Michael Wingrave, a solicitor for the family, asked whether a doctor had been told about the leak – and she replied "no". But Mr Balmain said these were "not valid concerns for the purpose of the inquiry".

The cause of death was given as a cardiac arrest, caused by pneumonia and a tracheotomy.

Jennifer Emerson, of Irwin Mitchell solicitors, said the family would argue the air leak in the cuff should have been reported.

Paula Clark, of Dudley Group NHS Foundation Trust, said the narrative verdict recognised the procedures undertaken by the trust had been both necessary and carried out correctly.

Trackers on work vans

TRACKING devices are being fitted on workers' vans at a Black Country housing association amid claims that some staff are moonlighting.

Vehicles used by staff at Sandwell Homes are being monitored.

A report was delivered to Sandwell Council earlier this year revealing that 14 workers at the housing group were referred by "whistleblowers" in the last year.

There were claims that some staff were carrying out other paid odd jobs and even tending to allotments

during work hours. Three workers were accused of theft of time from the organisation. Of those, two were found to be doing carpentry work in Walsall, while one was sidelining as a plasterer in work hours.

But Sandwell Homes, which manages council homes for the local authority, denied the decision to monitor vehicles was linked to the claims of staff moonlighting.

It said the move to install tracking devices was "common practice" and would increase productivity and security, while cutting fuel costs.

Cash dash after silver price hits all-time high

A SILVER rush is gripping the region with the precious metal's value finally jumping to keep pace with the soaring price of gold.

Buyers are paying more than twice as much for silver than at the turn of the year – 70p a gram today, up from 30p a gram at the end of December. Jewellers say they expect the boom to continue to narrow the gap to gold, which has been on the up for four years.

Many people have been rushing to jewellers to swap their silver for cash. Up to 400 people are heading into Rex Johnson & Sons jewellery stores in Dudley, Birmingham, Bromsgrove and Coventry every day hoping to exchange their jewellery for money.

Director David Johnson said the firm was offering £27.30 an ounce of silver last week compared to £12.31 this time last year. "Silver has reached the highest price it has ever been – even higher than the silver boom of 1980, where it hit £24 an ounce," he said.

"The current boom is down to the recession, and people are taking advantage of that by selling off their jewellery. We often get queues of people at the Dudley branch waiting to sell things on."

"The Chinese are using vast quantities in electrical manufacturing so I don't think it will bottom out any time soon."

Visit

A similar number of people visit Jewellery in Market Place, Wednesbury, where around 100 people a day are exchanging unwanted jewellery for cash.

But director Aaron Sheldon warned customers to take care as they could get a lot more for their jewellery than what buyers of silver might pay.

Gold prices are continuing to rise and are up seven per cent on the last month.

Analysts say the falling US dollar has bolstered the value of gold and silver in this country as investors can buy it cheaper due to the favourable exchange rate.

Accident verdict on drug death

CIRCUMSTANCES surrounding the death of a trainee hairdresser from drug poisoning remain unclear after the failure to find potential witnesses, the Black Country coroner said. Kirsty Behan, aged 21, of Brook Street, Dudley, died at Russells Hall Hospital last December.

Coroner Robin Balmain recorded a verdict of accidental death at her inquest in Smethwick. He said the cause of death was multiple organ failure due to opiate toxicity.

Miss Behan was found at her home and rushed to hospital. Mr Balmain said it was unclear whether Miss Behan had administered the drugs to herself, and police had been unable to locate witnesses.

AWM spent £2m on cash advice

DOOMED quango Advantage West Midlands spent nearly £2 million in the last two years on financial advice, new figures reveal.

The £300 million-a-year regional development agency is in the process of being wound down.

Its assets will either be handed over to a national body, or sold at market value.

AWM chiefs had to put

together a plan for its property portfolio, worth around £100m, but said work and consultancy costs to recommend the best plan for each asset was done as part of the quango's normal business and cost nothing extra.

The total spend of £1,930,044 was revealed following a request under the Freedom of Information Act.

Spokeswoman Amanda Cunningham said AWM did not have in-house specialists to do the books.

Happy ending as Cookie escapes



Lewis Hodgetts, aged 10, with Cookie his cockatiel who went missing last Monday

COOKIE the cockatiel gave his owners a scare as he escaped from his cage and flew off into the distance.

But three days later the grey and yellow bird turned up half a mile away perched in a tree at their son's school in Netherton, Dudley. Craig and Tina Hodgetts believe he followed 10-year-old Lewis to Netherbrook Primary. The family, of Brooksbank Drive, Netherton, put his cage outside but it was knocked over in a gust of wind and Cookie got out on Easter Monday.

The saw him fly over the road and into a bush but a search failed to find him.

On the Thursday, Mrs Hodgetts, 44, went to fetch Lewis from the Chester Road school when she heard Cookie call from a tree.

With help of a school worker she coaxed him down, put him in a box and took him home.

She said: "Everyone is very fond of Cookie so it is good to have him back home where he belongs. It's nice to have a story with a happy ending."

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Woman passes test at 15th go

A WOMAN who took 15 driving tests was among a dozen learners who had 12 or more tries before getting their licence at Dudley, new figures reveal.

Details were released by the Driving Standards Agency following a Freedom of Information Act request about the number of repeat car practical tests at the Lower Gornal Test Centre in the past three years. The woman who took 15 attempts to pass finally got her full licence in 2008 after spending at least £330 on test fees alone.

Two other women were not far behind, clocking up 14 attempts each – one in 2009 and one last year.

Demonstrate

However, the figures show that some male drivers have also been slow to ditch the L-plates. Three men at Lower Gornal passed on their 13th attempt, one each year between 2008-10. A woman also passed on her 13th attempt in 2008.

Taking a test today can cost anything between £62 and £75. DSA spokeswoman Georgia Shaw said: "It's essential that all drivers demonstrate they have the right skills, knowledge and attitude to drive safely."

"The driver testing and training regime tests candidates' ability to drive safely and also responsibly."



Drummer Derek Bennett

Drummer's death calls time on the Stompers

IT MAY be nearly the end of the road for the Zenith Hot Stompers – a top West Midlands jazz band which has entertained for nearly five decades – following the death of drummer Derek Bennett.

Derek, a retired NHS manpower officer, of Badgers Walk, Stourport, who was one of the six founders of the group 48 years ago, died at the end of March after a two-year fight against leukaemia.

The 72-year-old had hoped to live long enough for the jazz band, which has performed with such giants as Kenny Ball, Chris Barber, Wally Fawkes and Humphrey Lyttelton, to reach its 50th birthday next January.

His widow, Carol, 62, plans to make sure that all the Stompers' bookings are honoured until

December 31 but will then wind up the band. It was formed in January 1963 at the Green Man, Holloway Head, Birmingham, as the Zenith Hall Stompers but changed its name the following year to reflect a change of style from New Orleans to classic jazz. They used to rehearse at the Swan pub in Hagley Road, Stourbridge.

Highlights

Over the years, the other original members – Alan Bradley, on trombone, Graham Morris, trumpet, Norman Field, clarinet, Ian Dalziel, banjo and Pete Thompson, sousaphone – have moved on. But Derek kept the Stompers on the road and among the highlights was representing Great Britain at the Sacramento

jazz festival in America in 2003.

Mrs Bennett, a retired NHS recruitment officer, said: "Derek hoped to live long enough to clock up 50 years of the band but, sadly, it was not to be."

The current line-up, Philip Matthews, tuba and bass player, from Walsall, Keith Garner, banjo and guitar player, of Stoke-on-Trent, trumpeter Pete Brown, also of Stoke, Dave Wilkinson, clarinetist and saxophonist, from Wales, and Stan Stephens, trombonist, from Dudley, plan to move on to other groups. Jim Denham, from Birmingham, is standing in for Derek on drums.

Derek's stepson Kevin Preece is preparing for a 5,000-mile bike ride to raise cash for a leukaemia charity.

Alert is issued on delay to drugs

PATIENTS are having to wait for up to a whole working week for vital medicines because of a shortage in supplies, a Black Country Tory MP has warned ministers.

The principal cause of the problem was the export of medicines intended for UK patients to other European markets by some drug companies for greater profit, said Margot James.

She said the very idea that a drug "which can make the difference between life and death" should be hard to obtain was "absolutely scandalous".

Elderly

Spearheading a Westminster debate on the issue, the Stourbridge MP said: "Some years ago I was responsible for the various medicines prescribed for my elderly parents."

"I would be annoyed to find that the medicine I would collect from the pharmacy would be Greek or Spanish with inadequate directions."

"The pharmacist had dispensed a parallel imported drug on which extra profit had been made by the wholesaler and, possibly, the pharmacist."

Ms James said the tables had now turned, leading to patients in Britain being prescribed a medicine, taking the prescription to their local pharmacy and being told that the product was not in stock and that it might be a few days before it would be available.

Health Minister Paul Burstow insisted medicines were getting through to patients.

Two held by police

POLICE arrested two men following reports of anti-social behaviour by around six youths on off-road motorbikes near Stourbridge.

The incident happened at an old sand quarry close to the busy Sturrow junction, near Stourbridge.

Five police vehicles rushed to the junction of the A449 Wolverhampton to Kidderminster road and Bridgnorth Road, Stourton, at about 4.25pm on Wednesday, May 4 after complaints about noise from the sand pit, behind the former Stewpony Hotel.

Craft and design move at museum

A STOURBRIDGE artist is backing a craft and design initiative.

Carol Griffin is supporting Craft and Design Month May 2011 which is designed to raise awareness of the creative talent in Britain.

Carol will be exhibiting and selling her enamel work at Broadfield House Glass Museum, Kingswinford and the Red House Glass Cone Craft Fair on Saturday and Sunday (May 14 and 15).

Her contemporary enamel work includes wall panels, jewellery and bowls.

She is also running enamel courses at Plowden & Thompson, Amblecote, to give people the opportunity to try something new, and create their own unique enameled.

Workshop

A taster workshop is being staged on Saturday, May 21 (morning or afternoon) and a full day course on the following Thursday.

No previous experience is required and all materials provided. More details on the website www.carolgriffinenamels.com

The craft and design month is a not for profit initiative launched by craft&design magazine.

Its editor, Angie Boyer, said: "The Crafts Council has reported that there are around 35,000 contemporary craftsmen and women with a collective turnover of around £1 billion."

"Crafts is incredibly important to the economy but also to our wellbeing and way of life."

School gets go-ahead to be academy

A DUDLEY high school has been told by the Government that it can become an academy, giving it greater control over its finances.

The Secretary of State for Education, Michael Gove, has agreed in principle that Holly Hall Maths and Computing College can begin the conversion process to reopen as an academy at the start of the new school year in September.

Headteacher Graham Lloyd said a series of meetings was now being held with solicitors to begin work. "There are a number of legal requirements we need to meet before we can open as an academy, including transferring staff and land contracts to the new academy name," he said.

"We need to get everything signed off and get ourselves established as an academy before term finishes on July 27 to ensure we can reopen as planned in September."

"It's going to be a tough, very busy couple of months and there is a lot of work to do but it's a very exciting time for the school."

Mr Lloyd said the decision to "go solo" would ensure the school had full control of its own budget.

"At the moment, we have a situation where a portion of our funding is allocated by Dudley Council – meaning if I disagree with what the decision is, I can't do anything about it," he said.

"Changing to an academy will mean we can be the masters of our own destiny – we as a school can spend money on what the school's high priorities are."

Conditions

The school can also set its own pay and conditions for staff and have more control over the way the curriculum is delivered as well as getting the chance to change the length of terms and school days.

The academy bid was unanimously approved by school governors last month. A consultation was also held with parents.

Cricket club lands twin funds boost

STOURBRIDGE Cricket Club is celebrating a double funding success that will help the club extend the work it does with local children and young people.

The club has secured a £500 grant from the Torch Trophy Trust.

The cash will go towards the cost of funding three level one and two level two coaches.

Not only will they work with the club's junior section, but also with the schools, youth groups, and voluntary and community groups that use Stourbridge Cricket Club's new community nets facility.

This was followed by a further boost of nearly £300.

That cash came when the Amblecote-based club learned that it has been awarded £280 from Dudley CVS's Rant about the Grant project.

Holiday

This money will be used to run a six-week school holiday programme.

The initiative will use cricket as the vehicle to encourage local children and young people to participate in active sport, be healthy and enjoy themselves.

Pups make up a pack of Wolves



Quite a crowd – Zoe Ellis is seen with Leila's 11 Rhodesian ridgeback puppies

A FULL football team of puppies is giving a family of Wolves fans the run around.

Leila, a Rhodesian ridgeback from Sedgley, had 12 pups two weeks ago – the normal number for the breed is six to eight.

One has since died but she is still nursing 11 with the help of her owner, Zoe Ellis, and Zoe's three sons, Josh, aged 17, Billy, eight, and Archie, six, who are Wolves supporters.

"She's certainly had enough pups to make a football team – we're calling them the Motley Crew," said Zoe, aged 36, of High Holborn, Sedgley.

"Leila looked like a barrel when she was pregnant, so we thought she may be having seven or eight pups. But she went into labour at 8am, with the first being born at 9.45am, and they just kept coming."

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Pledge to carry on with purge

COUNCIL bosses will continue seizing horses from the streets of Sandwell.

It follows seizures of two animals recently from the Weddell Wynd patch of land, Tipton Green.

The council, trying to stop stray horses wandering streets and wrecking gardens, say more horses seen wandering will be taken.

Councillor Ian Jones, Sandwell's cabinet member for jobs and economy, said: "We have instructed the bailiffs to continue their endeavours and it would seem that the roaming horses

have disappeared. We would like any residents to notify us if they are still in the area.

"We have started on this process and we will be making sure we clean up the Tipton area but we want to speak to the responsible horse owners to try and get some resolutions to the problem which has been with us for 50 or 60 years."

It is expected to cost up to £1,000 to remove each horse.

Owners have to pay medical, stabling and feeding costs to get them back.

Ancient law could help get horses off streets

Brahms is taking the spotlight



Musical director Tim Calloway seen leading Brierley Hill Choral Society

A CHOIR based in Dudley which has serenaded audiences for more than seven decades is dedicating its latest show to the works of a famous German composer.

Members of Brierley Hill Choral Society are busy rehearsing for their next show called Basically Brahms which will be staged next month at St Michael's Church, off Church Hill, in Brierley Hill, on May 7. Compositions from conductor Tim Cal-

loway will also feature during the night. Society chairman Bob Lloyd-Jones says choir members are looking forward to the show.

Prices range from £7.50 to £8.50 with £5 student and £18 family tickets available which include refreshments.

Call 01384 392443 with further details available by logging on to www.brierley-hill-choral-society.org.uk

STRAY horses plaguing the Black Country will be impounded under an old law as part of a new plan unveiled by police and council leaders.

It came after Dudley Council officers agreed seizure of horses fell under section 24 of the Town and Police Clauses Act 1847, allowing cattle on a highway to be seized and impounded.

The council will pay police an undisclosed sum so horses straying onto roads can be seized and found permanent homes if owners do not appear in three days, in a six-month trial starts.

Hundreds of reports of animals causing havoc wandering across main roads flooded in since the start of the year, especially in Pensnett, Brockmoor, Kingswinford and Coseley areas.

Chief Inspector Mark Bramwell today said: "It means that we can actually take positive action and possibly move the horses for good, should they cause a problem. We get high volumes of calls each week and in many cases we have been powerless to act. The issue has always been identifying owners for these animals, however the new arrangement will give the owner the option to come forward and deal with the issue."

When an animal is impounded and moved to a paddock outside the Black Country, the owner has three days to prove ownership proof and settle fines. Bosses have declined to say how much it will cost.

Council director of urban environment, John Millar, said they had a reactive service to help deal with stray horses after months of behind the scenes work with a number of agencies. "We will continue to work with our partners to tackle the problem of horses abandoned by irresponsible owners across the borough."

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Drunk driver could not remember visit to pub

Dancing robot delights crowds

AN 8ft robot stomped into the Black Country to surprise and delight shoppers with some slick moves.

Titan the Robot danced and interacted with youngsters during three, free 30-minute shows at the Merry Hill Centre, Brierley Hill.

He was also there to promote the Black Country University Technical College, which is due to open in Walsall in September offering Year 10 and sixth formers the chance to gain qualifications for a career in science and engineering.

About 200 people gathered round the stage in Fountain Square to see each performance. Edna May Johnson, aged 77, of Witton Street, Stourbridge, danced with Titan and sang along to routines. She said: "He's very entertaining."

Among the families there yesterday were Carol Evans, 54, of Lawnswood Road, Wordsley, and her grandson Kyle, aged six. Mrs Evans said Kyle was a bit frightened at first but then Titan made him laugh by making burping noises and he loved it.



Titan with, from left, shoppers Sheila Deane, Lara Horsley and Amy Humphries. Inset: Titan the Robot entertaining onlookers at the Merry Hill shopping centre

AN UNEMPLOYED mechanic who drove home when more than four times the drink-drive limit was followed home by an off-duty police officer who watched on as he took 20 minutes to find his front door keys.

Jason Pritchard had been drinking at The Cat pub in Wordsley before heading home in the early hours in his parents' car. But he almost collided with the officer as he left the car park, Dudley Magistrates Court heard.

The officer followed 36-year-old Pritchard to his home in Barnett Lane, Kingswinford.

Pritchard, who was driving a Peugeot VRM, almost collided with a second vehicle coming in the opposite direction and was seen driving down the middle of the road in the incident at about 12.30pm, said Mr David Truelove, prosecuting.

When he reached his home, where he lives with his parents, he was "moving the car backwards and forwards" trying to reverse onto the drive.

Mr Truelove said: "The officer then watched the defendant and saw him spend a full 20 minutes - and she counted - trying to open the front door."

Banned

Pritchard was so drunk that he did not even require a roadside breath test", said Mr Truelove.

Pritchard, an unemployed mechanic who previously worked at Kwik Fit in Halesowen, had 146 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath when he was tested on April 4. The legal drink-drive limit is 35 microgrammes.

Pritchard, who admitted drink driving, was given a 12-month community order and must carry out 300 hours of unpaid work. He was also banned from driving for 30 months.

Chairman of magistrates, Mr Michael Penn, said: "A custodial sentence could have been imposed but, taking into account your previous record and your remorse, we will make a community order."

Mr Jahangeer Aslam, defending, said Pritchard could not remember being at the pub and had reacted badly to finding out his partner was having an affair.

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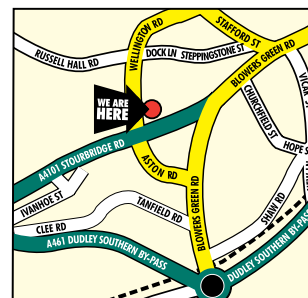
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Jobs joy as firm seals Merc deal

Pickers tackle grot spots



Stourbridge resident Russell Eden cleans Heath Street as part of a new campaign

A CAMPAIGN urging people to "adopt a spot" to rid streets of litter has launched.

More than 10 people have agreed to keep sections of streets where they live in Stourbridge clean and clear.

Anti-litter action group Tidy Stourbridge was created after pictures of grubby, rubbish-filled streets appeared on social networking site Twitter.

Group co-founder Russell Eden, of Heath Street, Stourbridge, tackled a 50 metre stretch of road outside his home. He said: "We had a lot of people tell us that

they would like to come to our events but that they couldn't make it, or would be more inclined to do it if it was around where they live.

"I've cleared an area of my street and it looks fantastic – the contrast with where no work has been done is really striking."

He said they started to work closely with Dudley Council, which provided volunteers with litter-picking equipment. Tidy Stourbridge has held at least one litter-picking event a month since July, often alongside a social pint in a nearby pub afterwards.

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Zip wire is set to open for summer

A £250,000 high-rope adventure park opens in the Black Country this summer after plans were approved.

The new attraction in Sandwell Valley will feature an assault course with swings, climbing nets and a suspension bridge.

A 16ft zip wire and children's roundabout will also be included in the scheme, expected to open in July.

Plans have been unanimously approved by Sandwell planning committee.

It will be the borough's largest outdoor adventure playground aimed at youngsters aged between five and 13 and will be funded by the Play Pathfinder Capital Programme, money from the Government to improve play facilities for children nationwide.

Proud

Addressing the committee, council officer John Satchwell, said: "We are all very proud of our facilities at Sandwell Valley which is a major visitor attraction for local residents and other areas."

"We think these facilities will further enhance the facilities at Sandwell Valley."

The zip wire mirrors the successful Go Ape tree adventure attraction on Cannock Chase and high-rope adventure courses are also popular at Baggeridge Country Park near Sedgley.

A HALESOWEN engineering firm is set for a jobs boost after securing a seven-year contract worth £5 million to make parts for the forthcoming Mercedes-Benz S-Class luxury car.

ETMA Engineering hopes to recruit up to 20 workers, with the possibility of more if continues to land further orders.

ETMA, part of the GSA Group, was selected from engineering companies across Europe for the lucrative contract with global automotive designer and manufacturer Faurecia.

The Victoria Road firm will be making five parts for a new-style armrest in Mercedes' flagship car.

Reassuring

ETMA is currently tooling up for production and will be looking to recruit staff when work on the contract starts towards the end of next year.

GSA Group's business manager Rajesh Bedi said: "This is great news for both ETMA Engineering as well as for the wider West Midlands region."

"In these uncertain times this comes as reassuring news that there are manufacturing opportunities opening up; it's about looking both locally as well as beyond to find them."

"As a company we kept our heads down and our efforts and standards high when times were low, and that is exactly what led to us converting this latest milestone contract."

Mural in the making

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Academy flying the flag after green success



Ryan Piggot, Sarah Parkes and Jack Moore of the Grow Your Own group at the RSA Academy

PUPILS at the RSA Academy in Tipton are celebrating after winning an award.

Tipton Litter Watch presented staff and pupils with the Eco Schools Green Flag Award for their commitment to raising awareness about environmental issues.

Pupils have created allotments in the academy grounds where they grow a range

of vegetables and their next step is to set up community allotments. A community orchard is also being established and the first apple trees have been planted at the school in Gospel Oak Road.

Waste

The academy's biodiversity group is busy creating habitats to encourage a wide

range of species to take up residence on site.

Food waste is composted and used on the allotments and a vegetable box scheme is being introduced for parents and staff.

The Environmental Action Group at the school has written an Eco-Code which has been shared across the academy community.

Pub site housing scheme backed

A FORMER pub in Dudley could be demolished to make way for housing.

Freebodies Tavern in St John's Road, Kates Hill, shut more than two years ago and since then has been boarded up. A report to planners says it closed because it proved unviable as a business.

Plans to knock it down and build nine new homes in its place are due to go before Dudley Council's development control committee this.

They have been recommended for approval subject to the developers agreeing to pay almost

£25,000 to improve the area. The pub is opposite St John's Church, which closed eight years ago.

A campaign group has been set up to reopen the church and chairman of St John's Church Preservation Group Deb Brownlee said members would still like someone to relaunch The Freebodies as a drinking establishment.

She said: "It was a fantastic pub, homely, great food, very community minded and always massively generous to our efforts to save St John's. The customers were nearly all preservation group members and used to

'guard' the church. There were also pictures of St John's on the walls in there. There was a darts team, auction nights, discos and they always made the room available to us for public meetings, free of charge, as well.

"We were naturally very sorry when the Freebodies closed down, and very sympathetic towards the tenants, Andy and Gaenor Gardiner, who had worked so hard to create a community pub."

The plans are for six, two bedroom houses and three with three bedrooms.

Tenants to air concerns

COUNCIL tenants in Dudley have been invited to air their views. The council is recruiting for its five area panels: Brierley Hill, Dudley, north Dudley, Halesowen and Stourbridge.

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Molten aluminium being poured into a gravity cast at Alucast



Heated ladles ready for molten aluminium

Foundry helps to renew the classic Norton brand

AN AWARD-WINNING Sandwell foundry is helping the rebirth of one of Britain's best-known motorcycle brands to gather pace.

Alucast, part of the MAN Group collaboration, has secured the contract to supply five engine parts to the current range of Norton motorcycles.

The company has used a range of aluminium alloys and design techniques to manufacture the rocker, sprocket, oil filter, left and right side engine covers, so that it contributes to not only the iconic appearance of the motorbike but also enhances its everyday driving performance.

It is a deal worth more than £200,000 to the Wednesbury-based firm and will help it build on a successful six months that has seen it win more than £1 million of new business.

Alucast managing director Tony Sartorius believes the contract is a real boost for British manufacturing: "Norton is recognised the world over and we are delighted to be playing a small, but important part, in helping the new company re-establish the brand and ultimately build unique motorcycles that are in demand all over the globe," he said.

"We were already supplying castings to the motorcycle industry, when a mutual contact arranged for us to meet with the people who had bought back Norton from the Americans in 2008. They were determined that the motorbike would be reborn and that the UK supply chain would account for over 85 per cent of its parts."

"This was a big opportunity to get involved with this exciting project and we've spent a lot of time

Report by SIMON PENFOLD

and investment in working with their design engineers to get the look and performance of the parts in keeping with the overall feel of the bike.

"It's been a challenging project and stretched us in terms of innovation, design, process refinement, and management of our supply chain."

All of the parts are manufactured in Alucast's gravity casting foundry before being finished at the company's in-house facility in the heart of the Black Country.

Due to Norton's exacting design requirements, the company chose two local suppliers who specialise in high-end metal polishing, where the finish is carefully applied to give them the unique appearance demanded by the client.

Opportunities

Simon Skinner, head of design at Norton Motorcycles, said: "When Stuart Garner bought the company off the Americans in 2008, all we were left with was a small facility and a half-made bike in the corner."

"I joined in February 2009 as the first employee and we immediately set about re-engineering the bike and getting the brand back into the marketplace."

"We had to build a completely new supply chain and were adamant that every part, where possible, should be sourced from the UK. This was once a great British manufacturing brand and we were determined to restore it back to its former glory."

He added: "Alucast were willing to work with us

to develop the exact part and their technical knowledge of castings was key to a number of design improvements being made and for the end products being competitively priced.

"I also like the fact that if there is an issue we can be at each other's site in just over an hour, which, as a small company is great. We can't afford to lose people for days on end while they travel the world sorting out problems."

Norton, which was based in Birmingham in its heyday, is about to double its existing site in Donington in the East Midlands. It currently produces around 1,000 motorcycles every year across its Commando range, which includes the 961 SE, Cafe Racers and Sport models.

The clamour for the hand-made motorbikes is huge. The company is reporting a 3,000-strong advance order book that will see it increase manufacturing to 1,500 by the end of 2011. This is set to more than double the existing workforce of 35.

Having gained full European type approval, Norton is set to secure full vehicle type approval in America, which should open up the global market.

Tony Sartorius added: "With over 85 per cent of the motorbike made in the UK, it is great news for British manufacturing that Norton is back and building world class motorcycles."

"There is no doubt that the engineers at Norton are in the process of expanding their model range and I envisage further opportunities for us to cast additional products."

Alucast is one of nine Midlands-based manufacturers that form the MAN Group.

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Doreen's story

I have so much to thank Mr Burchell for... his advice and wonderful treatment.

I had a history of problems with my own teeth and received a lot of treatment in hospital. The implants I were advised to consider have been wonderful, but I found it a difficult decision to make. I hadn't heard of the procedure for dentures, but how glad I am that I took Mr Burchell's advice.

To say I am pleased with my new teeth is an understatement.

They are absolutely perfect and a pleasure to wear. I love to show them off. The difference the implants make to the security of the denture is simply unbelievable, it really is life-changing for me.

I found Mr Burchell's expertise second to none and he went to so much trouble to make each visit to the clinic a pleasure.

In the past I would have to consider what food to eat and there was always a problem with food particles becoming trapped under the bottom denture. I no longer have any problem at all and do not have to consider what food I should have or how to eat it. Life has changed dramatically. The



dentures are so stable I no longer have to cut an apple to eat it. Another great benefit is that I don't have to continually wash my dentures. I can understand how people would feel nervous about having implants. I am 81 and certainly don't feel too old to invest in such a life-changing experience.

Peter's story

I can eat anything, but that's not always been the case. It's as if I have my natural teeth back and I cannot believe the difference.

Having read good reports of Mr Burchell's reputation at fabricating realistic, natural-looking, well-fitting dentures, I made an appointment to see him.

On my first consultation I explained the difficulty I was having in stopping my lower dentures from moving around and not being retained in a comfortable position.

He suggested I visited implant dentist Jonathan Pugh to determine if I would be suitable for the procedure. I agreed, but not without reservation due to procedure involved. My consultation with Mr Pugh was professional and reassuring and the X-rays he took showed I had sufficient bone to support two implants which could secure my lower denture.

The insertion of the implants was painless - no different to having a filling.

Mr Burchell fitted my perfectly-crafted dentures, securing them to the implants.

They were a superb fit, a situation I



had not experienced for a number of years. While initial costs may appear high, having considered the long-term benefits of the treatment, I felt confident I was making the right decision.

The stability of the denture is just great and I can happily go to any restaurant without thinking about what suitable choice might be on the menu.



Terry's story

I'm a confident guy, you know, nothing really keeps me down - even when things are not good. But I had nine years of trouble with my teeth and eventually it began to erode my confidence.

I would never have believed it; I'd have a laugh about it, but it really isn't funny when you have unresolved problems with false teeth.

Dentist eventually referred me to Mr Burchell to see if there was some way of making my plates fit properly. The difference now is a world apart. My plates fit perfectly, look like my real teeth and I can live life impulsively once again. Before, if I was going to a restaurant, I would have to use a fixative to secure my teeth. That was okay if I could eat within a couple of hours of using

the fixative. Anytime after that, it was hopeless, but now I can tackle anything. Previously, I had never been in contact with an actual denture-maker, teeth had always been prescribed through a dentist and the difference for me was incredible. There were five stages on the route to my final prescription and the treatment I received at every point was excellent. My teeth were well worth the money - what price can you put on being able to eat normally and socialise without embarrassment?

My confidence is back and Mr Burchell did everything he said he would: That my teeth would fit, I would be able to chew properly and they'd look real, totally natural. To sum up, there's nothing I have attempted to eat, which I have not been able to.

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Hundreds of walkers set off for one of the routes on the 31st annual Dudley Trail which covered nine miles

Crowds hit the trail on 'perfect' day

A BUMPER crowd turned out in the holiday sunshine to enjoy the 31st annual Dudley Trail.

Organisers say 1,590 walkers stepped out to complete a number of routes measuring six, nine, 12, 18 and 26 miles as part of the Dudley Council event.

Attendances normally average around 1,300 but it is thought the bank holiday and good weather as well as people wanting to be a bit healthier helped boost numbers.

The trail is one of the Midlands' largest urban walking events. Those who took

part were able to explore routes including canal towpaths, disused railway lines, country footpaths and roads as part of the walks, which all started at Dudley Leisure Centre, at designated times between 8am and noon.

Perfect

Among the crowds was administrator Pat Lewis with her daughters Nikki Willets, a customer service advisor and Melanie McGee who works in accounts.

The trio, from Gornal, tackled the nine-mile walk and said it was the fourth time

they had taken part in the event. Mrs McGee said: "The whole atmosphere of the day is great."

Members of the 1st Coombs Wood Explorers Scouts group took part in the 12 mile walk. Scout leader Jane Cocking said: "They all really enjoy taking part and we have done it for about six or seven years now."

Organiser Sally Newell said there had been about 300 people taking part in the 18 mile and 26 mile walk alone and added: "It is a cracking event. It was perfect walking weather."



Nikki Willets, from Lower Gornal with her mother Pat Lewis and sister Melanie McGee from Upper Gornal



Scouts, from left, Adam Scarrott, Rob Hopkins, Jane Cocking, Kate Hopkins, Michael Scarrott, Sophie Homer, John and Paul Guy

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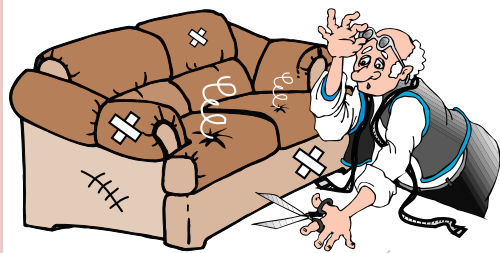
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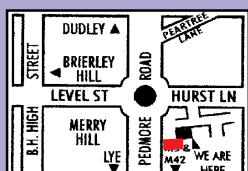
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£16m retirement homes open soon

A £16 million retirement "village" being built in Dudley will open its doors to residents in August.

Housing association Midland Heart in conjunction with Dudley Council is building an assisted living development for mature people in Russells Hall.

There is also an £8 million project in Coseley where residents are expected to start moving in by September or October.

Work at both sites is now moving into its final stages.

New pictures of the buildings show large balconies and full-length windows being installed as work continues.

Lawns have already been laid and signs put up indicating where the sales suite will be situated.

Shortly

Andrea Pope Smith, director of adult, community and housing services, said: "Both extra care housing schemes are progressing well and are nearing completion."

"The Broad Meadow scheme on Russells Hall is due to complete this summer with the first residents moving in during August, and Willowfields in Coseley is due to complete in September with residents moving in shortly afterwards."

More than 700 people have registered an interest in living at either Willowfields in Coseley or Broad Meadow, Russells Hall, Dudley.

The Russells Hall scheme will have 132 apartments and will be aimed at the over 55s, while the Coseley scheme will be made up of 72 apartments.



The retirement village Middlepark Road, Dudley, will open in August



Building work at Whitehouse Street, Coseley

Spotlight on 'fibro' help day

TODAY (Thursday) is Fibromyalgia Awareness Day, which draws attention to a debilitating condition which affects more than a million people in the UK, most of them women.

A support group which meets at Brierley Hill helps people cope with "fibro".

Common symptoms of fibromyalgia are muscle pain and stiffness, fatigue, headaches, poor concentration, disturbed sleep and Irritable Bowel Syndrome.

The pain tends to be felt as aching or burning, often described as experienced from head to toe.

Greater awareness among the public and the medical profession means more people are being diagnosed with fibromyalgia and a helpline has been set up for those who may be affected by the condition, 08448 872382.

The Black Country Fibromyalgia Support Group meets every third Thursday at 11am at the Nine Locks Community Centre, Brierley Hill. The next meeting is on May 19.

Bank stays open longer

CUSTOMERS of Lloyds TSB, Brierley Hill are now getting an extra 13 hours a week to carry out their banking needs.

The branch will stay open until 5pm during the week and until 7pm on Thursdays. It will also open its doors for business on Saturdays between 10am and 3pm.

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THE WAY I SEE IT

Resounding No to AV has protected historic system

LAST Thursday, the UK voted overwhelmingly to reject the flawed Alternative Vote for Westminster elections.

Here in the Dudley borough the turnout was 38 per cent, with 70,064 voting no compared to 21,681 voting yes.

The resounding answer from across Britain of no to AV has protected our historic system of one person one vote for at least a generation and our Prime Minister deserves credit for his principled leadership of the Conservative No to AV campaign.

By his leadership on this issue David Cameron has once again shown that he is in tune with the British people and what they see as the real priorities facing our country.

On the same day as the referendum, Dudley residents voted in our local elections.

Congratulations to all those who were newly elected and to the councillors who were re-elected.

In Dudley South I was particularly pleased to see our Mayor, Councillor Peter Miller, emphatically re-elected in Kingswinford South for the Conservatives.

Demise

New Conservative councillors Glenis Simms and Cheryl Billingham were elected in Wordsley and Kingswinford North and Wall Heath respectively.

The latter signalled the complete demise of the Liberal Democrats with the removal of their last remaining councillor in the whole of the Dudley borough.

Following these elections the Conservative Party is once again by far the largest party in Dudley South with 11 of the 18 council seats in Conservative hands, leaving Labour holding

Dudley South Conservative MP Chris Kelly takes the stand in our weekly Chronicle column which gives our local representatives the chance to air their views on issues that matter



the remaining seven seats. I look forward to working with Peter, Glenis, Cheryl and their fellow Conservative councillors for the benefit of all our residents, regardless of political persuasion.

The results from across the country were bad news for Ed Miliband, who failed to deliver his party on AV, failed to fight back in Scotland, failed to deliver a majority in Wales and stalled in England.

These results are not what is expected of a new Leader of the Opposition, facing a Government taking tough and unpopular decisions in the national interest.

Increased

Against all expectations, the Conservatives made a net gain of councillors and councils.

Labour has been limited to well below the 1,500 seats and 40 per cent that was expected of them.

Meanwhile, the latest figures from the Office for National Statistics shows the economy growing again.

In the first quarter of 2011 Gross Domestic Product (GDP) increased by 0.5 per cent. This

growth was driven by services output which grew by 0.9 per cent over the quarter and manufacturing output which grew by 1.1 per cent over the quarter.

Manufacturing output is particularly strong in our borough as demonstrated on my recent visits to the impressive Beck Prosper Limited, Micklewrights Structures Limited and Westfield Sportscares Limited.

Announced

Despite what Labour say with their attempts to talk down the recovery, it is good news that the economy has returned to growth.

Manufacturing is growing strongly, the economy has created thousands of jobs since the turn of the year – such as the 20 full-time manufacturing jobs recently announced by Eurocraft Enclosures in Netherton – and borrowing is down.

The economy is rebalancing away from debt-fuelled consumption towards manufacturing, exports and investment – all of which is good news for Dudley.

The latest ONS figures also

show that unemployment fell in the three months to February 2011 by 17,000.

The number of people in employment rose by 143,000 and economic inactivity fell by 71,000.

These figures are another step in the right direction, it's good news to see a rise in the number of full time jobs in the private sector and the fall in unemployment is welcome.

It is also reassuring to see a fall in the number of young people not in full time education who are unemployed.

Ministers have made it clear that tackling youth unemployment remains a priority with the growth in apprenticeships and work experience opportunities key to giving young people a head start in finding and keeping a job with a future.

Challenges

We are committed to ensuring that jobseekers, including the long term unemployed, get the best possible support to get into these new vacancies through our Work Programme which will come on stream in the summer.

There are plenty of challenges ahead and our priority is to continue to support the economy, by reducing the deficit and putting in place measures to encourage growth in the private sector.

The Government has always expected the recovery to be choppy.

But together with continued reminders around the world of the risks facing countries that do not deal with their debts and deficits, all of the latest data shows that the Government has set the right economic course.

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Shock as Tories' leader loses by just two votes

THE TORY leader of Dudley Council was dramatically ousted in the election, losing her seat by just two votes.

Anne Millward, the first woman to lead the council, lost in the Gornal ward to Labour candidate Stuart Turner after two nerve-wracking recounts.

But overall the Tories lost just one seat, giving them 43 of the 72 and retaining their sizeable majority. Labour gained two, giving them 28.

Elsewhere the Labour party now controls Wolverhampton City Council with 35 councillors out of a total of 60.

In South Staffordshire, the Conservatives maintained their stronghold.

Argument

Labour gained eight seats in Walsall – leaving the party just two behind the Tories – and strengthened its grip on Sandwell Council.

But if ever there was an argument that every vote counts, it was underlined by last Thursday's ballot as Mrs Millward was edged out of her seat by the smallest margin in the borough's history.

After two recounts, she was ousted from her seat in Gornal with 1,618 votes – just two shy of victorious Labour candidate Stuart Turner.

"I have thoroughly enjoyed my nine years as a councillor representing Gornal, and am extremely proud to be the first female leader of the council," she said afterwards.

Democracy

"I have made history again today as we have never had an election that was so close.

"I am disappointed, of course, but that's democracy. I plan to take some time out and catch up on all the things I couldn't do while working 50 hours a week as a local councillor and leader."

Mr Turner was "delighted and surprised" by his win.

Mrs Millward's deputy at the time of the election, Councillor Les Jones, said that her departure would be a "great loss" to the ward.



Contrasting emotions for the defeated Anne Millward and victorious Stuart Turner

South Staffs results

SOUTH Staffordshire results included the Kinver and Himley & Swindon seats.

Kinver

Brian Edwards* (Con)	1,659
Lin Hingley (Con)	1,655
Paul Wooddisse (Con)	1,132
Ena Ray* (Independent)	1,071
Christine Ridgeway (Lab)	644
Con gain two seats.	

Himley & Swindon

Roger Lees* (Con)	417
Gordon Fanthorn (UKIP)	261
Keith Pincher (Ind)	152
Con hold. Majority 156	

Police probe after leaflets complaint

POLICE are investigating a complaint that Wyre Forest Labour party leaflets deliberately tried to mislead the electorate.

The Wyre Forest Liberal party has claimed leaflets "constantly" referred to wards where Labour and Tory-Liberal cuts in an attempt to link the Liberal Party with the Liberal Democrats in the public's mind.

But a Labour Party representative said the leaflets were "not intentionally misleading" and said the term Tory-Liberal had been used by national media.

Leaflets were issued for both the Offmore & Comberton and Greenhill wards where Labour and Liberal candidates were standing for election to Wyre Forest District Council.

West Mercia Police confirmed it was looking into the allegations.

Dudley results

Amblecote

Pat Martin* (Con)	1681
John Martin (Lab)	1364
Pete Lee (UKIP)	446
Vera Johnson (Lib Dem)	227
Con hold. Majority 317	

Belle Vale

Bob James* (Con)	1931
Dorella Russell (Lab)	1688
Dennis Neville (Green)	403
Con hold. Majority 243	

Brierley Hill

Rachel Harris* (Lab)	1503
Dan Horrocks (Con)	742
Annamarie May (UKIP)	273
Simon Foxall (BNP)	185
Linda Beasley (Lib Dem)	160
Gordon Elcock (Green)	131
Lab hold. Majority 761	

Brockmoor & Pensnett

Karen Jordan* (Lab)	1474
Sue Ridley (Con)	708
Andy May (UKIP)	312
David Lavender (Lib Dem)	108
Vicky Duckworth (Green)	80
Lab hold. Majority 766	

Castle & Priory

Ken Finch* (Lab)	2099
Hasan Afzal (Con)	731
Sue Rowe (UKIP)	661
Lab hold. Majority 1368	

Coseley East

Melvyn Mottram* (Lab)	1705
Martin Duffield (Con)	954
Peter Hillman (UKIP)	592
Lab hold. Majority 751	

Cradley & Wollescote

Richard Body* (Lab)	2106
Louisa Redding (Con)	865
Glen Wilson (UKIP)	289
Robert Wake (BNP)	179
John Payne (Green)	109
Margaret Hanson (Lib Dem)	106
Lab hold. Majority 1241	

Gornal

Stuart Turner (Lab)	1620
Anne Millward* (Con)	1618
Phil Rowe (UKIP)	701
Ken Griffiths (NF)	171
Michael Jones (Lib Dem)	100
Daniel Archer (Green)	53
Lab gain. Majority 2	

Halesowen North

Karen Shakespeare* (Con)	2078
Hilary Bills (Lab)	1906
Con hold. Majority 172	

Halesowen South

Alan Taylor* (Con)	2538
Ian Copper (Lab)	1372
Ray Franklin (UKIP)	394
Tim Weller (Green)	264
Con hold. Majority 1166	

Hayley Green & Cradley South

Ken Turner* (Con)	2128
Mike Kelly (Lab)	1258
Bob Heeley (UKIP)	414
Christopher Lees (Green)	204
Con hold. Majority 870	

Kingswinford N & Wall Heath

Cheryl Billingham (Con)	1895
David Tyler* (Lib Dem)	1599
Christine Perks (Lab)	814
Dave Timmins (UKIP)	272
Liz Jednorog (Green)	93
Con gain. Majority 296	

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Peter Miller* (Con)	2303
Stephen Haycock (Lab)	1238
Janet Wilmott (UKIP)	446
Lois Bramall (Lib Dem)	304
Con hold. Majority 1065	

Lye & Stourbridge

Mohammed Hanif* (Lab)	1747
Sharon Tinsley (Con)	1250
Susan Lucas (Lib Dem)	317
Abdul Qadus (Ind)	205
Lab hold. Majority 497	

Netherton, Woodside & St Andrews

Qadar Zada* (Lab)	1551
Will Duckworth (Green)	1068
Steve Ridley (Con)	716
Phil Wilmott (UKIP)	387
John White (Lib Dem)	76
Lab hold. Majority 483	

Norton

Heather Rogers* (Con)	2550
Su Lowe (Lab)	1048
Christopher Bramall (Lib Dem)	688
Benjamin Sweeney (Green)	336
Con hold. Majority 1502	

Pedmore & Stourbridge E

Ian Kettle* (Con)	2833
Rosemary Tomkinson (Lab)	1330
Simon Hanson (Lib Dem)	367
Lawrence Rowlett (Green)	316
Con hold. Majority 1503	

Quarry Bank & Dudley Wood

Jackie Cowell* (Lab)	1621
Mike Wood (Con)	1059
Helen Wilmott (UKIP)	412
David Sheppard (Lib Dem)	101
Pam Archer (Green)	121
Lab hold. Majority 562	

Sedgley

David Caunt* (Con)	1998
Barbara Sykes (Lab & Co-op)	1029
Bill Etheridge (UKIP)	711
Serena Craigie (Lib Dem)	171
Kevin Inman (NF)	137
Con hold. Majority 969	

St James's

Mary Roberts* (Lab)	1755
Ian Jones (Con)	794
Tim Byrne (UKIP)	554
Mandy Adams (Lib Dem)	204
Lab hold. Majority 961	



New faces – Councillors Adam Aston and Safena Arshad

St Thomas's

Safena Arshad* (Lab)	2360
Mick Forsyth (UKIP)	621
Daryl Millward (Con)	599
Christian Green (Green)	125
Lab hold. Majority 1739	

Upper Gornal & Woodsetton

Adam Aston (Lab)	1811
David Simms* (Con)	1681
Lab gain. Majority 130.	

Wollaston & Stourbridge T

Margaret Cowell* (Con)	1772
Chris Hale (Lab)	1500
June Collins (Lib Dem)	656
Barbara Deeley (UKIP)	394
Catherine Maguire (Green)	264
Con. Majority 272	

Wordsley

Glenis Simms (Con)*	1749
Lynda Coulter (Lab)	1496
Lynn Boleyn (Lib Dem)	297
Maurice Archer (Green)	270
Con hold. Majority 253	

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Enjoy salad days but it's vital to plan ahead

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Even if space is limited you can still grow your own, on a patio or balcony or with gro-bags. Tomatoes, lettuces and potatoes grow just as well in a city setting as a country garden with the proper care.

Follow this monthly guide and you should have a constant supply of fresh fruit and veg.

MAY

- Plant out young plants raised indoors or in the greenhouse.
- Continue with the two-week planting programme.
- Feed tomato plants with Tomorite.
- Ensure all areas are well watered.
- Plant vegetables such as winter cabbage for winter harvesting.

JUNE

- Control weeds by hoeing and using a relevant weed killer if necessary.
- Stake and support larger plants such as tomatoes, peppers and beans.
- Feed plants regularly with Miracle-Gro Grow Your Own Plant Food or Liquid Plant Food.
- Protect plants from slug and snail damage.
- Break up any compacted soil to allow water and air to penetrate to the plant roots.

JULY

- Continue to plant out beetroot, carrots, peas, lettuce and radishes for late crops.
- Continue to feed all plants.
- Many vegetables and salad plants will be ready to start harvesting and eating at this time.
- Pay particular attention to watering as your plants increase in size.

AUGUST

- Control weeds by hoeing or using a suitable weed killer.
- Keep a close watch for pests and insects, particularly on the underside of leaves.
- This is the time to enjoy all of your work as most plants can be harvested this month.
- Once plants are harvested and the ground is empty, refresh the ground by digging in Levington Farmyard Manure or Miracle-Gro Grow Your own compost.



Plant well and you could have an endless supply of healthy salad ingredients

SEPTEMBER

- Continue to harvest the last of your beans and peas.
- Maincrop potatoes can stay in the ground to bulk or can be harvested now. Make sure that you harvest all potatoes by the end of this month and keep a careful eye to avoid pests.
- Be sure to harvest any remaining crops by the first frosts.
- Dig in well rotted manure or Levington Farmyard Manure to improve soil structure.

Urban gardeners don't have to miss out as there are gro-bags and planters but the key is to use quality compost that's been specifically designed to grow fruit and vegetables.

Most vegetables are sun lovers and require plenty of light and warmth to produce the best crops. If the plot is open and exposed to cold winds, some form of windbreak may be required – a fence, wall or dwarf hedge would be adequate.

A south facing patio is the ideal spot for growing many vegetables in gro-bags and planters. It is advisable to move the crops. By moving the crop each year you stop soil-borne pests that are fairly specific to that crop attacking the next that you plant.

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Lakeland exclusives, above left, Slow Cooker and, right, Digital Toasters. See www.lakeland.co.uk

Let's get cooking

FORGET rushing a meal when you get home after a long day, arrive back to find a tasty casserole waiting for you – slowly does it with the Lakeland Slow Cooker. You can prepare a stew and let it cook all day, so you can tuck right into a dish of tender meat, wholesome beans or flavoursome vegetables. The beauty of the slow cooker is that you can prepare the ingredients when you have the time and leave it bubbling for a convenient and healthy meal.

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going on inside. The simple operating system has three settings – low for simmering and slow cooking, high for a faster cook and auto to keep food at serving temperature. It is available from Lakeland for £30.99 and the one and a half litre version is £20.99.

There are a lot more things than casseroles that can be created in a slow cooker. The Slow Cooker Cookbook (Lakeland, £9.99) by Catherine Atkinson offers more than 200 recipes, ranging from pot roasts to soups, steamed puddings and preserves. This handy hardback will help you get more out of your slow cooker.

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It will soon be salad season and if you've ever found yourself getting into a mushy mess with an avocado then you will appreciate a new flexible friend, the Flexicado (Lakeland, £4.79) which will scoop out perfect slices after the Mexican pear has been halved and stoned.

When it comes to slicing, celebrity cook James Martin has joined forces with Stellar for a new range of stylish knives with stainless steel anti-slip handles. The Saturday Morning Kitchen chef's 12-knife collection covers all culinary eventualities and includes four Japanese style Santoku knives, plus a carving fork and sharpening steel. Prices range from £7.15 to £15.50 with a five piece block for £62. For stockists see the website www.stellarcutware.co.uk.



The Flexicado



Celebrity chef James Martin using one of his Stellar knives, above, Chef'n Potato Ricer



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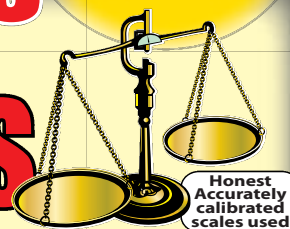
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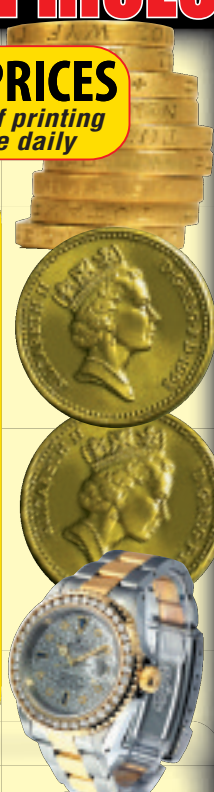
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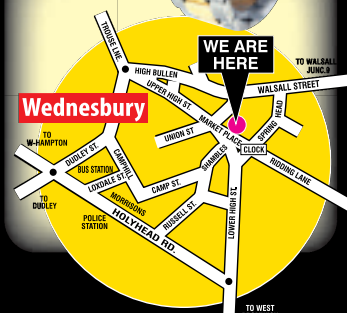
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Olly proves he's his own man



Olly Murs - the real winner of X Factor 2009

JOE McElderry may have won The X Factor in 2009 but Olly Murs was the real winner.

The Essex lad used the TV singing show to kick start a career that has seen him notch up two hit singles, Please Don't Let Me Go and

Thinking Of Me, and a successful self-titled debut album that was only kept off the no1 spot by Take That.

Meanwhile, last month McElderry was dropped by Simon Cowell's record label Syco.

Murs - his family name is Latvian - was

dismissed by some as a Will Young or Robbie Williams clone.

But the boy from Braintree has carved a niche with a pop-reggae groove perfect for the recent sunny weather.

Former semi-pro footballer Olly, who also recently raised his profile partnering Chris

Moyle on his Radio 1 breakfast show, is in concert at Birmingham's NIA on Sunday.

Olly will be back in the region later this summer to place an outdoor concert with pop diva and The X Factor winner Alexandra Burke at Warwick Castle on July 15.

The pure sound of Secret Sisters

SONGS from the country music heydays of the 1940s and 50s are performed by The Secret Sisters, the stage name for Alabama siblings Laura and Lydia Rodgers, who won lots of British fans with their appearance on Jools Holland's Hootenanny last New Years Eve.

Following their support slot for Ray LaMontagne at the Symphony Hall, the sisters return to Birmingham for their own gig, at The Glee Club on Monday.

The Secret Sisters' debut single, a version of Johnny Cash's Big River, was produced by Jack White, of The White Stripes. Their well-received



The Secret Sisters whose songs harp back the heydays of country music

self-titled debut album, produced by the legendary T Bone Burnett, was released in February. Burnett said: "I have been making music for over 40 years and The Secret Sisters album is as close to pure as it gets."

Other forthcoming music gigs at the comedy club in The Arcadian Centre include: Tuesday, Elbow

support act Villagers, whose debut album Becoming A Jackal was Mercury Prize shortlisted; May 23, from Leonard Cohen's band The Webb Sisters; and on May 29, Andrea Corr launching her solo album Lifelines.

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The season of song and dance



Tracie Benett as Judy Garland

WORLD class ballet, opera and award-winning West End musicals have been announced in the new season at Birmingham Hippodrome.

The Queen and Ben Elton musical *We Will Rock You* returns to the Hurst Street theatre this summer.

Other highlights also include the return of Birmingham Royal Ballet's festive favourite *The Nutcracker*, hit comedy show *Calendar Girls* and, also by popular demand, the spectacular *Slava's Snow Show*.

Following its success at the Hippodrome in 2009, *We Will Rock You* returns between July 5 and August 13 and will feature a star-studded cast which includes Coronation Street's Ian Reddington, ex-Hear's singer Noel Sullivan and former Birmingham Conservatoire

student The X Factor's Rhydian Roberts.

A new production of *Evita* will take to the stage from September 12 to 24. The show is presented by Bill Kenwright by special arrangement with Andrew Lloyd Webber's Really Useful group and will feature Abigail Jaye as Eva Peron, Mark Powell as Che and Les Mis regular Earl Carpenter as Juan Peron.

Blizzard

Slava's Snow Show returns from November 9 to 13. Led by Russian clown Slava Polunin, the cast create a blizzard indoors as part of their spellbinding, surreal show.

Oliver Award-winning actress Tracie Benett has taken the West End by storm as Judy Garland in Peter Quilter's *End of the Rainbow*, which charts the life of Garland, and comes to Birmingham between October 17 and 22. In a nod to Billy Wilder's film

Some Like It Hot, *Some Like It Hip* Hop is a comical tale of love, mistaken identity, cross-dressing and gender stereotypes.

The cast includes Tommy Franzen, who starred in *So You Think You Can Dance*, Blaze and Goldberg and Teneish Bonner, who has appeared in *Into the Hoods*, *Insane in the Brain* and *StreetDance 3D*. It runs between October 11 and 15.

The city's beloved Birmingham Royal Ballet will perform the gothic fairytale *Beauty and the Beast* between September 28 and October 2. The *Nutcracker* from November 25 to December 11.

Welsh National Opera make their regular visits to the Hurst Street theatre with Mozart's *Don Giovanni*, Rossini's *The Barber of Seville* and Janacek's *Katya Kabanova* in November.

They are back in March with Verdi's *La Traviata*, Beatrice & Benedict by Berlioz, and Mozart's

The Marriage of Figaro. Eagerly-awaited highlights for next year include *Calendar Girls* from January 31 to February 4 and the stage version of hit film *Dirty Dancing*, which runs from July 4 to August 25 2012.

Before that, panto star Brian Conley returns alongside everyone's favourite TV mum, Lynda Bellingham, in *Cinderella* over the festive season and into January

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Theatre chief executive Stuart Griffiths, said: "I am certain that this programme is as varied as any we have presented, with a wide array of brand new productions, stunning international companies and the launch of new seasons with new productions from both Birmingham Royal Ballet and Welsh National Opera."

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Walking down a naughty Avenue

NAUGHTY New York musical *Avenue Q*, which some have described as an X-rated version of *The Muppet Show*, was a smash hit in London's West End and is coming to Birmingham with a run at the Hippodrome from Tuesday to Saturday, May 17 to 21.

Racism, pornography, sexuality and dating come under the spotlight for a cast that teams the actors up with colourful puppets in this no-holds-barred musical comedy by Robert Lopez and Jeff Marx that takes a bite out of the Big Apple.

To Kill A Mockingbird, Harper Lee's classic

tale of a struggle against bigotry and racism in 1930s Alabama, is staged at Wolverhampton Grand from Tuesday to the following Saturday.

Christopher Sergel's stage adaptation sees familiar TV actor Duncan Preston swapping *Emmerdale* for the Deep South as campaigning lawyer Atticus Finch.

Meanwhile, West Bromwich Operatic Society's production of Lionel Bart musical *Oliver* continues until Saturday at the Grand. Mind-bending illusionist and showman Darren Brown continues his residency with new show *Svengali* at Birmingham's New Alexandra Theatre to May 21.



Racism and dating are some of the subjects that come under the spotlight in the musical *Avenue Q* with a cast of actors and puppets

Black Country Touring productions are back on the road. Instant Wit, a quick-fire comedy improvisation show, comes to George Salter School in West Bromwich this evening (Thursday, 6.30pm).

Laurie Lorry Theatre bring their comedy play *Sausage and Samosa*, about a lonely woman who takes a crash course in Asian culture in a bid to find love via an arranged marriage, to West Bromwich town centre venue The Public on Friday, May 20.

The Royal Shakespeare Company's new repertoire is now in full swing at their two theatres in Stratford-upon-Avon. Sara Crowe is

the haughty Lady Frugal in Dominic Hill's staging of 17th Century romp *The City Madam* at The Swan, which it shares with Gregory Doran's vision of 'lost' Shakespeare play *Cardenio*.

The latest Shakespeare blockbuster opens tomorrow (Friday) with Rupert Goold, the Enron director's version of *The Merchant of Venice* with Sir Patrick Stewart as Shylock.

It will be sharing the Royal Shakespeare Theatre with Michael Boyd's bloody Macbeth with Jonathan Slinger as the wicked, haunted tyrant. All four plays are in repertoire until October.

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EUROVISION SONG CONTEST 2011

BBC1, 8.00pm

Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Düsseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the 56th edition of the competition. Though the group are optimistic their song 'I Can Will Bring the UK its first victory since Katrina and the Waves' 1997 triumph, many experts have tipped operatic tenor Amaury Vassili to scoop the prize for France with his epic ballad Sogno. The host nation has pinned its hopes on last year's winner Lena Meyer-Landrut.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live. 11.30 Great British Menu. (R) 12.00 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 12.15 Football Focus. 1.00 Olympic Dreams. An insight into the life of a road cyclist. 1.30 Cash in the Celebrity Attic. (R) 2.15 Bargain Hunt Famous Finds. (R) 3.00 Film: Father of the Bride. (1991) Comedy remake, starring Steve Martin. 4.40 Don't Scare the Hare. 5.15 BBC News; Regional News; Weather. 5.30 So You Think You Can Dance Live. The remaining contestants perform.

6.30 Doctor Who. The Doctor meets an old friend.

7.20 So You Think You Can Dance. The dancers with the fewest votes perform again.

7.50 The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws. Presented by Jenni Falconer.

8.00 Eurovision Song Contest 2011. Graham Norton commentates on the entertainment at the Esprit Arena in Düsseldorf, Germany, as reunited pop band Blue represent the UK in the final of the annual music competition.

11.15 BBC News; Weather; National Lottery Update.

11.35 Match of the Day. Including highlights of Blackburn Rovers v Manchester United.

12.35 Film: Black Sheep. (2006) Comedy horror, with Nathan Meister, Peter Feeney and Danielle Mason; Weatherview. 2.00 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 12.00 Film: The Spanish Main. (1945) Swashbuckling adventure, starring Paul Henreid. 1.35 Film: Battle Cry. (1955) Second World War drama, starring Van Heflin. 4.00 Two Greedy Italians. (R) 5.00 Flog It! (R) 5.45 Dad's Army. (R)

6.15 The Comedy Genius of John Sullivan. A tribute to the comedy writer, who died last month. (R)

6.45 Citizen Smith. First episode of the late John Sullivan's 1970s comedy, starring Robert Lindsay. (R)

7.15 The Two Ronnies. Vintage comedy. (R)

8.00 Domesday. Historian Stephen Baxter explores his own theory about the purpose of the Domesday Book – an 11th-century record of land and property ownership in England. (R)

9.00 Have I Got a Bit More News for You. With guest hosts John Torode and Gregg Wallace. (R)

9.45 FILM: Blood Diamond. (2006) Premiere. A smuggler helps a fisherman find his missing son in war-torn Sierra Leone, in return for a rare diamond. Action thriller, with Leonardo DiCaprio.

12.00 Later with Jools Holland. (R) 1.05 Film: The Hotel New Hampshire. (1984) Dark comic fantasy, starring Beau Bridges.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 House Gift. (R) 9.25 Coronation Street. 11.45 This Morning: Saturday. 12.45 ITV News; Weather. 1.00 Live FA Cup Final. Stoke City v Manchester City (Kick-off 3.00pm). 5.30 Regional Programmes. 5.45 ITV News; Weather.

6.00 New Animals Do the Funniest Things.

Comical clips and quirky stories from the animal kingdom, including burping sheep and a snowboarding dog.

7.00 Sing If You Can.

Chesney Hawkes, Martin Bayfield and Tricia Penrose take on Craig Doyle, Roxanne Pallett and Leanne Jones, with Patsy Palmer as a panellist. Keith Lemon and Stacey Solomon host.

8.00 Britain's Got Talent. Ant and Dec host the latest round of auditions.

9.00 Piers Morgan's Life Stories: John Prescott. The former deputy prime minister discusses his career and personal life.

10.00 ITV News; Weather.

10.15 FA Cup Final Highlights. Stoke City v Manchester City.

11.15 FILM: The Enforcer.

(1976) Crime thriller sequel, starring Clint Eastwood.

1.15 The Zone; ITV News Headlines. 3.15 Swingtown. (R) 4.05 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 That Paralympic Show. (R) 7.00 FILM Superbike World Championship. (R) 7.25 British Formula Ford Championship. 7.55 The Morning Line. 8.55 T4; Friends. (R) 9.25 T4: Koko Pop. 10.00 T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. 10.20 T4: Glee. 11.45 T4: Friends. (R) 12.20 T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. 12.40 T4: The Big Bang Theory. (R) 1.15 That Paralympic Show. 1.50 Channel 4 Racing. 4.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 4.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under. 5.30 Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.00 Come Dine with Me Down Under.

6.30 Channel 4 News.

6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 The Restoration Man.

Converting an old coach house in East Sussex. (R)

8.00 The Untold Battle of Britain.

A squadron of Polish pilots who fought in the Battle of Britain. (R)

9.00 The Million Pound Drop Live.

Quiz show, presented by Davina McCall.

10.20 Stand Up for the Week.

11.10 FILM: Epic Movie. (2007) Fantasy spoof, starring Kal Penn.

12.50 Supersize vs Superskinny Kids. (R) 1.45 The Dead Zone.

(R) 2.25 The Astronomer's Sun. (R) 2.35 Tomorrow. (R) 2.40 Film: The Cooler. (2003) Drama, starring William H. Macy. 4.20 Wild Thing I Love You. (R) 5.15 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake! 10.00 Animal Rescue Squad. (R) 10.20 The Gadget Show. (R) 11.20 Film: The Green Berets. (1968) Vietnam War adventure, starring John Wayne. 2.05 Film: Mystery Woman: In the Shadows. (2007) Crime mystery, starring Kellie Martin. 3.50 Film: Murder 101: College Can Be Murder. (2007) Murder mystery sequel, starring Dick Van Dyke. (R) 5.30 Film: Major Dundee. (1965) Western, starring Charlton Heston and Richard Harris.

7.55 5 News Weekend.

8.00 NCIS. The team uncovers a case of identity theft. (R)

9.00 CSI: NY. Hawkes is persuaded by his girlfriend Camille to call in sick so he can join her at a food festival, but a stall explodes during the event – exposing his truancy to his colleagues.

10.00 CSI: Miami. A jet skier with a shady past is killed by a piece of slate that later proves to have come from Alex's own garden, raising suspicions that her son Bryan may be the killer. (R)

11.00 CSI: Crime Scene Investigation. The team tackles four cases in one night. (R)

12.00 SuperCasino. 4.00 Rough Guide to Beaches. (R) 4.10 Nick's Quest. (R) 4.35 HouseBusters. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

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ITV2
4.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) 7.00 Superhuman: Genius. 8.00 Homes from Hell. 9.00 Britain's Got More Talent. 10.00 Celebrity Juice. 10.45 Film: Leaving Las Vegas (1995)

ITV3
1.55 Agatha Christie's Poirot. 4.00 Lewis. 5.55 Inspector Morse. 8.00 Rosemary & Thyme. 9.00 Foyle's War. 11.00 A Touch of Frost

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Royal Challengers Bangalore v Kolkata Knight Riders and Mumbai Indians v Deccan Chargers. 8.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors. 9.00 Film: The Day of the Jackal (1973) 11.55 Film: Get Shorty (1995)

BBC THREE
7.00 Fearne & Reggie @ R1BW 7.20 Doctor Who Confidential. 8.00 Tine Tempah & Black Eyed Peas @ R1BW 9.00 Foo Fighters Live @ R1BW 10.00 Russell Howard's Good News Extra. 10.45 Family Guy. 11.35 American Dad!

BBC FOUR
7.00 Tiger – Spy in the Jungle. 8.00 Julia Bradbury's Iceland Walk. 9.00 Film: Tell No One (2006) 11.05 Julia Bradbury's Canal Walks. 11.35 Top of the Pops: 1976

E4
3.40 Make It or Break It. 4.40 Friends. 5.40 Glee. 7.00 The Big Bang Theory. 8.00 How I Met Your Mother. 9.00 Friends. 10.00 Film: The Omen (2006)

FILM4
3.00 The Colditz Story (1954) 4.50 A Walk in the Clouds (1995) 6.50 Young Sherlock Holmes (1985) Teen detective adventure, starring Nicholas Rowe. 9.00 The Waterboy (1998) Comedy, with Adam Sandler, Kathy Bates, Henry Winkler and Fairuza Balk. 10.45 Final Destination 2 (2003)

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**PERSPECTIVES:
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ITV1, 10.15pm

Documentary following the actor as he visits New Orleans on a journey to investigate the roots of jazz and blues, the genres that inspired his life-long passion for music. As well as exploring the city, Hugh also records his own versions of notable songs and performs with his band in Latrobes in the French Quarter, alongside stars including Allen Toussaint, Tom Jones and Irma Thomas.

BBC1

6.00 Breakfast. 7.55 Match of the Day. (R) 9.00 The Andrew Marr Show. 10.00 The Big Questions. 11.00 Country Tracks. Weather for the Week Ahead. 12.00 The Politics Show. 1.00 EastEnders. 2.55 Bargain Hunt. 3.20 Escape to the Country. (R) 4.20 Regional Programme. 4.50 Lifestyle. 5.00 Points of View. 5.15 Songs of Praise. 5.50 BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

6.10 Land Girls. (R)
7.00 Countryfile. Highlights from the programme's visits to Britain's islands.

8.00 FILM: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl. (2003) A rogue captain and a blacksmith set sail to rescue a governor's daughter from feared supernatural pirates. Adventure, starring Johnny Depp.

10.10 BBC News. Regional News. Weather.

10.35 Meet the Multiples. Documentary focusing on the experience of bringing up twins, triplets and quadruplets, which has become more common in Britain in the past 10 years.

11.35 FILM: The Night Listener. (2006) Mystery thriller, starring Robin Williams and Rory Culkin. Weatherview.

12.55 Sign Zone: The Apprentice. (R) 1.55 MasterChef. (R) 2.55 Holby City. (R) 3.55 Churches: How to Read Them. (R) 4.25 BBC News.

BBC2

6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 10.00 Live Athletics. The Great Manchester Run. 12.00 World Olympic Dreams. Matthew Pinsent presents a look at preparations for the 2012 Olympic Games. 12.30 Live MotoGP. The French Grand Prix (Start-time 1.00pm). 2.00 Live Swimming. The Great Salford Swim. 3.30 Live Athletics. The Great CityGames Manchester. 5.05 Film: McLintock! (1963) Comedy Western, starring John Wayne.

7.10 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. The design secrets of Formula One cars.

8.00 Britain's Secret Seas. The team visits a gannet colony in the Firth of Forth. Tooni Mahto investigates bottlenose dolphins and Paul Rose meets Navy divers clearing unexploded bombs from Cape Wrath.

9.00 Operation Crossbow. The story of Second World War technicians who used 3D photographs taken by Spitfire pilots to map enemy territory, exposing Hitler's most dangerous secrets in the process.

10.00 Match of the Day 2. Including highlights of Chelsea v Newcastle United.

11.20 The Shadow Line. (R)

12.20 Film: On a Clear Day. (2005) Drama, starring Peter Mullan. 1.55 BBC News. 4.00 The Super League Show. 4.30 Close.

ITV1

6.00 CITV: Mini CITV. 7.25 CITV. 8.25 May the Best House Win. (R) 9.25 Dickinson's Real Deal. (R) 10.25 Sing If You Can. (R) 11.30 This Morning: Sunday. 12.30 Dinner Date. (R) 1.25 ITV News. Weather. 1.40 Film: Columbo: Dead Weight. (1971) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. 3.10 Britain's Got Talent. (R) 4.10 Film: The Spy Who Loved Me. (1977) James Bond spy adventure, starring Roger Moore, Barbara Bach and Richard Kiel.

6.30 Regional Programmes. 6.45 ITV News. Weather. 7.00 The Cube. A hairdresser and a man from Benwick, Northumberland, take up the challenge.

8.00 Vera. A murder at a remote cottage in Northumberland takes DCI Vera Stanhope back to a place full of childhood memories and reminds her of an unsolved case from earlier in her career.

10.00 ITV News at Ten. Weather.

10.15 Perspectives: Hugh Laurie Down by the River. The actor explores jazz and blues in New Orleans.

11.15 Surgery School. The trainees face assessments as the first year comes to a close. Last in the series. (R)

12.15 Premiership Rugby Union. 12.55 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 2.00 Motorsport UK. 2.55 ITV News. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4

6.00 Sali Mali. (R) 6.05 The Hoobs. (R) 6.30 The Grid. 7.00 Freeports on 4. 7.25 T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. 7.45 T4: Hollyoaks. 10.15 T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. 10.35 T4: Being N-Dubz in America and Beyond. (R) 11.10 T4: The Saturdays: What Goes on Tour. 11.30 T4: Glee. (R) 12.50 T4: The Simpsons. (R) 1.55 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 2.25 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 3.30 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.00 Celebrity Coach Trip. (R) 4.30 Deal or No Deal: Banker's Birthday. 5.30 Time Team. (R)

6.30 Channel 4 News. 6.55 4thought.tv.

7.00 Come Dine with Me. Four dinner-party hosts do battle in Exeter.

8.00 The Hotel. Wayne and his staff deal with stinging criticism from guests.

9.00 FILM: Die Hard 4.0. (2007) Tough cop John McClane goes on the trail of a criminal mastermind plotting a technological terror attack on America. Action thriller sequel, with Bruce Willis and Timothy Olyphant.

11.30 FILM: The Business. (2005) Comedy drama, starring Danny Dyer.

1.15 The Dead Zone. (R) 2.00 Civilization: Is the West History? (R) 2.55 Hill Street Blues. (R) 3.45 Wild Thing I Love You. (R) 4.45 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.10 Countdown. (R) 5.55 Sali Mali. (R)

Channel 5

6.00 Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. 6.05 Roary the Racing Car. (R) 6.15 Fifi and the Flowerfots. (R) 6.25 Fireman Sam. (R) 6.35 Miss Spider's Sunny Patch Friends. (R) 6.50 The Beeps. (R) 7.00 Miao. (R) 7.10 Chiro. (R) 7.15 Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs. (R) 7.25 Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. (R) 7.30 Noddy in Toyland. (R) 7.45 Hana's Helpline. (R) 7.55 Milkshake! Music Box. (R) 8.00 Little Princess. (R) 8.15 The Adventures of Bottle Top Bill and His Best Friend Corky. (R) 8.25 Mist: Sheepdog Tales. (R) 8.45 Rupert Bear. (R) 9.00 Olivia. (R) 9.15 The Mr Men Show. (R) 9.30 Gerald McBoing Boing. (R) 10.00 Family Food Fight. (R) 10.30 OK! TV Sunday. 11.30 The Hotel Inspector. (R) 12.30 Extreme Fishing with Robson Green - At the Ends of the Earth. (R) 1.30 Joe Road Truckers. (R) 2.35 Film: Gunsmoke. (1953) 4.10 5 News Weekend. 4.20 Film: Are We Done Yet? (2007)

6.05 FILM: Zathura: A Space Adventure. (2005) Family sci-fi adventure, starring Josh Hutcherson.

8.10 FILM: Practical Magic. (1998) Fantasy, starring Sandra Bullock.

10.00 The Walking Dead.

11.05 FILM: House on Haunted Hill. (1999) Horror remake, starring Geoffrey Rush.

12.50 SuperCasino. 4.00 Rough Guide to Cities. (R) 4.10 Divine Designs. (R) 5.00 Hana's Helpline. (R) 5.10 The Milkshake! Show. (R) 5.35 Thomas & Friends. (R) 5.45 Roary the Racing Car. (R)

Digital

ITV2
3.15 Film: Apollo 13 (1995) 6.00 Britain's Got Talent 7.00 Animals Do the Funniest Things 8.00 Kerry Katona 9.00 Peter Andre: The Next Chapter 10.00 Film: Waterworld (1995)

ITV3
2.00 Inspector Morse 4.05 Film: Summer Holiday (1963) 6.15 Mr Bean 6.50 Agatha Christie's Poirot 8.00 Film: Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory (1971) 10.00 Barbara Windsor Uncut 11.40 Film: Lorenzo's Oil (1992)

ITV4
11.00 Live Indian Premier League Cricket. Kings XI Punjab v Delhi Daredevils and Kochi Tuskers Kerala v Rajasthan Royals. 8.00 Premiership Rugby Union 9.00 Jean-Claude Van Damme: Behind Closed Doors 10.00 Live Cycling. The Tour of California.

BBC THREE
7.00 Doctor Who 7.45 Doctor Who Confidential 8.00 Lady Gaga: The Build Up @ R1BW 9.00 Lady Gaga Live @ R1BW 10.00 Family Guy 10.45 American Dad! 11.30 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

BBC FOUR
7.00 A History of Christianity 8.00 The Secret Life of the National Grid 9.00 Shanties and Sea Songs with Gareth Malone 10.00 The History of Safari with Richard E Grant 11.30 Bee Gees: In Our Own Time

E4
3.05 Make It or Break It 4.10 Film: Black Knight (2001) 6.00 Friends 7.00 90210 7.55 Friends 9.00 Desperate Housewives 11.00 Being Erica 11.55 The Big Bang Theory

FILM4
2.45 The Thirty-Nine Steps (1959) 4.35 Planet of the Apes (1968) 6.50 Night at the Museum (2006) 9.00 Don't Say a Word (2001) 11.10 Scary Movie (2000)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis: Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Story of Ireland. 8.00 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. 9.00 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. 10.00 Never Mind the Buzzcocks. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Richard Hammond's Engineering Connections. (R) 12.10 BBC News. 4.05 Close.

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Channel 4 6.00 The Treacle People. (R) 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 The Hoobs. (R) 7.00 Freshly Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) 9.55 Relocation: Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place by the Sea. 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 Jamie at Home. (R) 12.35 River Cottage Bites. (R) 12.40 Film: Distant Drums. (1951) Western, with Gary Cooper. 2.40 Baking Mad with Eric Lanlard. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 Unreported World. 7.55 4thout.tv. 8.00 Gordon's Great Escape. 10.00 Film: The Sixth Sense. (1999) Supernatural thriller, starring Bruce Willis. 12.05 The Event. 1.05 Poker. 2.00 The Dead Zone. (R) 2.45 The Moonbird. (R) 3.00 Empire: How Britain Made the Modern World. (R) 4.00 Saxon Gold: Finding the Hoard. (R) 4.55 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.20 Hill Street Blues. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Warship. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.10 Film: Returning Lily. (2003). 5.00 5 News at 5. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 How Do They Do It? 8.00 The Gadget Show. 5 News at 9. 9.00 The Hotel Inspector. 10.00 There's Something About Josie. 11.00 Film: Evil Woman. (2001) Comedy, starring Jason Biggs and Jack Black. 12.55 Rough Guide to TV. 1.10 SuperCasino. 4.05 Meals in Moments. (R) 4.15 How Not to Decorate. (R) 4.55 County Secrets. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis: Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Britain's Best Dish. 8.00 Britain's Best Dish. 9.00 The Country House Restaurant. (R) 1.40 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 2.40 Churches: How to Read Them. (R) 3.10 One Man and His Campervan. (R) 3.40 Great British Railway Journeys. (R) 4.10 BBC News.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis: Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Escape to the Country. (R) 8.00 Two Greedy Italians. 9.00 Wonderland - A Hasidic Guide to Love, Marriage and Finding a Bride. 10.00 The Apprentice: You're Fired! 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 Stewart Lee's Comedy Vehicle. 11.50 Film: Citizen Ruth. (1996) Black comedy, starring Laura Dern. 1.30 BBC News. 3.55 Close.

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BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.30 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Coast. (R) 1.05 Diagnosis: Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 The Culture Show. 8.00 Business Nightmares with Evan Davis. 9.00 The Shadow Line. 10.00 Psychoville 2. 10.30 Newsnight. Weather. 11.20 The Review Show. 12.05 Children's Craniofacial Surgery. (R) 1.05 The Culture Show. (R) 2.05 BBC News. 4.10 Close.

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Friday

BBC1 6.00 Breakfast. 9.15 Fake Britain. 10.00 Homes Under the Hammer. BBC News; Weather. 11.00 Don't Get Done, Get Dom. (R) 11.45 Cash in the Attic. (R) BBC News; Weather. 12.15 Bargain Hunt. 1.00 BBC News; Weather. 1.30 Regional News; Weather. 1.45 Doctors. 2.15 Escape to the Country. 3.00 BBC News; Weather; Regional News. 3.05 CBBC. 5.15 Weakest Link. (R) 6.00 BBC News; Weather. 6.30 Regional News; Weather. 7.00 The One Show. BBC News; Regional News. 8.00 EastEnders. 8.30 A Question of Sport. (R) 9.00 Have I Got News for You. 9.30 Outnumbered. (R) 10.00 BBC News. 10.25 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Graham Norton Show. 11.20 The National Lottery Friday Night Draws. 11.30 Film: Ransom. (1996) Thriller remake, starring Mel Gibson. 1.25 The One Show; (R) Weatherview. 2.30 Sign Zone: Monty Don's Italian Gardens. (R) 3.30 The Hairy Bikers: Mums Know Best. (R) 4.30 BBC News.

BBC2 6.00 CBeebies. 7.00 CBBC. 8.35 CBeebies. 11.35 The Pink Panther Show. (R) 12.00 Daily Politics. 12.30 GMT with George Alagiah. 1.00 Diagnosis: Murder. (R) 1.45 To Buy or Not to Buy. (R) 2.15 Animal 24/7. (R) 3.00 Helicopter Heroes. (R) 3.45 Flog It! (R) 4.30 Pointless. (R) 5.15 Show Me the Monet. 6.00 Eggheads. 6.30 Great British Menu. 7.00 Windfarm Wans. 8.00 Petworth House - The Big Spring Clean. 8.30 Gardeners' World. 9.00 Dirk Gently. 10.00 Frank Skinner's Opinions. (R) 10.30 Newsnight. 11.00 The Review Show. Weather. 11.50 Later with Jools Holland. 12.55 Film: The Wave. (2008) Premiere. Drama, with Jürgen Vogel. 2.35 BBC News. 4.30 Close.

ITV1 6.00 Daybreak. 8.30 Lorraine. 9.25 The Jeremy Kyle Show. 10.30 This Morning. 12.30 Loose Women. 1.30 ITV News; Weather. 1.55 Regional News; Weather. 2.00 60 Minute Makeover. (R) 3.00 Dickinson's Real Deal. 3.59 Regional Weather. 4.00 Midsomer Murders. (R) 5.00 Britain's Best Dish. 6.00 Regional News; Weather. 6.30 ITV News; Weather. 7.00 Emmerdale. 7.30 Coronation Street. 8.00 Baboons with Bill Bailey. 8.30 Coronation Street. 9.00 Paul O'Grady Live. 10.00 ITV News at Ten; Weather. 10.30 Regional News; Weather. 10.35 The Cube. (R) 11.35 Take Me Out. (R) 12.35 The Zone. ITV News Headlines. 2.35 In Plain Sight. (R) 3.25 ITV Nightscreen. 5.30 ITV Morning News.

Channel 4 6.10 The Hoobs. (R) 6.35 Squeezed. 7.25 Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) 7.55 Frasier. (R) 8.55 Jo Frost: Extreme Parental Guidance. (R) 9.55 Location, Location. (R) 10.55 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) 12.00 Channel 4 News Summary. 12.05 River Cottage Every Day. (R) 1.05 3 Minute Wonder: Good to Know. (R) 1.10 Icons. (R) 1.25 Film: Dragoon Wells Massacre. (1957) Western, starring Barry Sullivan and Dennis O'Keefe. 3.10 Countdown. 4.00 Deal or No Deal. 5.00 Come Dine with Me. (R) 6.00 The Simpsons. (R) 6.30 Hollyoaks. 7.00 Channel 4 News. 7.30 Unreported World. 7.55 4thout.tv. 8.00 A Place in the Sun: Home or Away. (R) The Million Pound Drop Live. 10.25 Take Peter Kay Thing. (R) 10.55 PhoneShop. 11.30 The Ricky Gervais Show. 12.00 Comedy Gala: Best Bits. (R) 11.55 Music on 4: 4 Foo Fighters. A New Light. (R) 1.30 My Name Is Earl. (R) 2.15 Ugly Betty. (R) 3.05 Barbarians. (R) 4.05 Wild Thing I Love You. (R) 5.00 Wogan's Perfect Recall. (R) 5.25 Countdown. (R)

Channel 5 6.00 Milkshake! 9.15 The Wright Stuff. 11.05 Warship. (R) 12.05 The Family Recipe. (R) 12.10 5 News Lunchtime. 12.15 Law & Order. (R) 1.15 Home and Away. 1.45 Neighbours. 2.15 The Vanessa Show. 3.05 Chinese Food in Minutes. (R) 3.15 Film: Seventeen and Missing. (2006) Thriller, starring Dedee Pfeiffer. 5.00 5 News at 5; Weather. 5.30 Neighbours. (R) 6.00 Home and Away. (R) 6.25 OK! TV. 7.00 5 News at 7. 7.30 Fifth Gear. 5 News at 9. 9.00 Eddie Stobart: Trucks and Trailers; 5 News at 9.00 The Mentalist. 10.00 Law & Order. 11.00 The Walking Dead. (R) 12.00 SuperCasino. 4.05 Motorsport Mundial. 4.30 Fifth Gear. (R) 4.55 Rough Guide to Eco Escapes. (R) 5.10 Wildlife SOS. (R) 5.35 House Doctor. (R)

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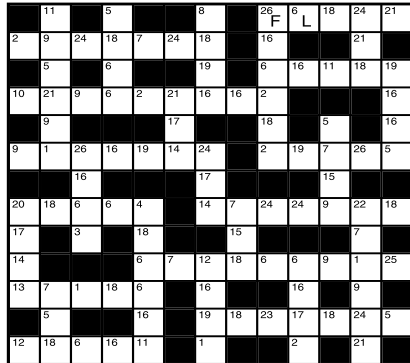
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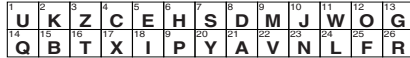
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Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



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Cryptic Clues:

Across

- Take what is suitable? (11)
- Disentangle one French composer (7)
- Lawless law (5)
- It is in fact a long claw (5)
- Shoots something to eat (7)
- I've now become available for inspection (2,4)
- Hostilities cut capital (6)
- Sing in French first to delight (7)
- After getting bail somehow, I find an excuse (5)
- It often does in periods of depression (5)
- He tells you whose turn is next (7)
- Sports clubs dances hard hit by rackets perhaps (6,5)

Quick Clues:

Across

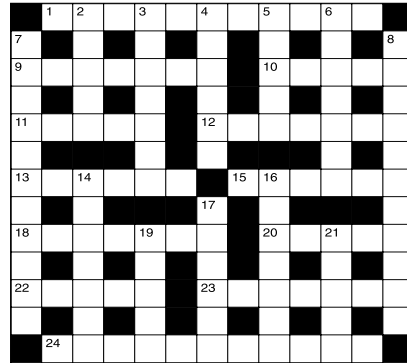
- Stage make-up (6,5)
- Set apart (7)
- Hurl (5)
- Doomed (5)
- Refuse (7)
- Mourn (6)
- Dormant (6)
- Public transport (7)
- A fish (5)
- Additional (5)
- Unyielding (7)
- Shakespeare play (2,3,4,2)

Down

- There's a risk in being a card-sharer I'll be bound! (5)
- Be sorry about unrising income (7)
- Smooth tongue? (6)
- He won't do much to earn his reputation (5)
- Mouth-organs? (7)
- They will have lots to offer (11)
- Is he found in literary haunts? (5,6)
- Inject a cubic-centimetre into a climbing plant as a safeguard (7)
- It may make people turn pale (7)
- Old punishments may still provide interest (6)
- Crime of one who satisfied a burning desire? (5)
- I have timber that's perfect (5)

Down

- Perch (5)
- Desert (7)
- Vigour (6)
- Change (5)
- Relate (7)
- Paris landmark (6,5)
- Yam (5,6)
- Summary of business (7)
- A reverse (3-4)
- Attack (6)
- A spree (5)
- Giraffe-like animal (5)



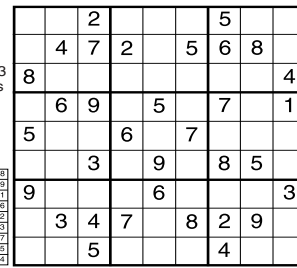
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Sudoku

Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS >

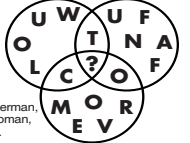


Circlegram

Replace the question mark with a letter so that the letters within each circle can be arranged to form words on a common theme. What are the three words, and the letter represented by the question mark?

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The letter represented by the question mark is M. Superman, Iron Man, Batman, all superheroes.

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CD reviews

Small Talk - Twenty Twenty (Geffen)

A throw back to the days of Busted and McFly (when they still had puppy fat). This is boys with guitars power pop, lots of wuh-oh choruses and riffs they may have borrowed off an old Cheap Trick album. These East Anglian lads have been to Wolverhampton a couple of times recently (supporting The Saturdays and The Wanted) and judging by their reception at the latter gig, their time may have come. Love's A Freak sounds like a certain hit.

Mirrorwriting - Jamie Woon (Arista)

Woody R&B with spacey dubstep tendencies from a singer-songwriter from London. Akin to that other dubstepper turned singer-songwriter James Blake but Woon's songs are less minimalist. Songs like Night Air, Lady Luck and Middle having a strong pop appeal enhanced by the atmospheric electronics. Woon will be in concert at Birmingham HMV Institute on June 6.

Outside Looking In - Delta Maid (Geffen)

Hailing from Merseyside but sounding more Mississippi, Delta Maid has a voice as crystal clear as a mountain spring and writes perfectly decent bluesy country songs. Vocally she recalls the likes of Dolly Parton and Tammy Wynette, which is pretty good company, but has a modern approach to her songs that has seen her support the likes of Seth Lakeman and Ray LaMontagne. This is a solid and likeable debut album.

Cat's Eyes (Polydor)

Canadian singer Rachel Zeffira and Faris Badwan, lead singer of British rockers The Horrors, bonded over a shared love of 1960s girl groups, such as The Shangri-Las, and the result is this highly atmospheric semi-homage to the echoey, whispered, big beat sounds of the 60s. They come across as a kind of Goth Sonny and Cher with nods to Nancy Sinatra and Lee Hazelwood, Marianne Faithfull, Nick

**Power pop boys Twenty Twenty – their time may have come**

Cave, Goldfrapp, Saint Etienne and Phil Spector's entire output. I imagine they would have a permanent residency in the town of Twin Peaks.

Destroyed - Moby (EMI)

Globetrotting synth master Moby apparently wrote these songs on his laptop in hotel bedrooms during bouts of insomnia caused by time zone body clock confusion, and finished them off in his Manhattan studio. The results are synthetic symphonies with surging melodies, a perfect soundtrack for the kind of deserted sodium-lit cityscapes that the bleary-eyed Moby must have seen from his window at 3am. Moby sings on a couple of tracks, guest female vocalists on others and some are pure instrumentals. In atmosphere and style Destroyed also owes something to Kraftwerk's classic Neon Lights and Bowie's Low album. The finest moment is the track Stella Maris with its cathedral air of heavenly floating vocals.

Vices & Virtues - Panic! at the Disco (Fueledbyramen)

The American rockers overcome a radical line-up revamp to bounce back with a confident and rather likeable brash

pop-rock album, somewhat akin to their fellow Las Vegas The Killers. Stand out tracks include The Ballad of Mona Lisa, Hurricane and the distinctly A-ha-like Memories.

Free - Twin Atlantic (Red Bull)

Howling guitars from a hard-riffing Glaswegian outfit with a definite Celtic feel to their Tartan Foo Fighters-like attack, crafted by ace producer Gil Norton. This, their first full album, could be the start of something big.

Toy Horses (Albino)

A step-dad/step-son duo from Wales who used Myspace to gain attention for their songs, picking up radio airplay and being flown over to America to record their debut album with ex-Wilco member Ken Caillat, who was won over by the songs on their Myspace page. Toy Horses are 21-year-old Adam D Franklin and his step-father 40-year-old Tom Williams. When they play together there is no sign of a generation gap and they do have a knack for a catchy song with a Ray Davies feel to their folk-flavoured semi-acoustic pop numbers.

A Little Brighter - Pete Lawrie (Island)

A young Welshman from Liverpool, Lawrie has a pleasantly husky voice and a clutch of good songs that reveal his influences – Paul Simon, Bruce Springsteen, Elbow – whilst remaining original. A Little Brighter is just missing that stand-out song to propel him into the forefront but Half As Good and the hazy Paper Thin come close.

The Sound of Sunshine - Michael Franti and Spearhead (Capitol)

As you may expect, given the title, these are summery sounds, reggae hybrids with pop and hip hop and even, on probable hit I'll Be Waiting, stadium rock in a U2 mode.

Leon Burakowski

Games reviews

Operation Flashpoint: Red River (15, Codemasters)

THE 'War on Terror' moves to Tajikistan, between Afghanistan and China, in this hardcore US military first person shooter from Codemasters.

You play Kirby, leader of a four man contingent of US Marines. Your boots are dropped on the ground and then you have to use your wits in a guerrilla war with insurgents. But things really hot up when the Chinese Army get involved.

This isn't for casual thrill-seekers. Missions are long and multi-stage with enemies often engaged at a distance (keep that sniper rifle handy). The pace is slow a build-up with sudden bursts of action, which maybe more like real warfare.

The controls take a while to become familiar and as the leader you must remember to keep in close contact with your men.

But it is much more satisfying to lead a successful team mission than running around firing at everything that moves.

Online its even more of a challenge, surprisingly cerebral for a shooter... this one is for wannabe officers rather than gung-ho grunts.

The graphics are stunning. Tajikistan is realised in dusty mountainous glory. Sometimes

**Section 8 Prejudice is a good looking action romp**

you will find yourself squinting into the low sun.

I do hope Codemasters keep the franchise pure with no silly zombie modes because with this sim you can almost taste the Tajikistan dust.

The certificate is probably not so much for the violence than for the expletive-studded soldier banter. If there was an award for imaginative cussing, this would be a certain winner.

Operation Flashpoint: Red River was reviewed on Xbox 360 and is also available for PS3 and PC.

Section 8 Prejudice (16, TimeGate)

Available to download from XBLA for 1200 points (around a tenner), this is the sequel to the Texan developers' 2009 Section

8 sci-fi shooter that was rather unfairly dismissed by many as a Halo clone.

This is a good looking action romp with you playing a hi-tech super soldier in an Iron Man-like armoured body suit, sky diving onto alien planets to take on those who threaten Earth's colonies.

Equipped with a jetpack and an array of weaponry, plus the ability to lock-on to targets, Prejudice is a blaster's paradise.

The campaign mode with its various missions as the story unfolds can see gamers happily while away the hours.

It's instant success on Live Arcade suggests gamers reckon Prejudice is a pretty good bargain.

Leon Burakowski



Operation Flashpoint: Red River has stunning graphics but it is not for the casual thrill-seeker, the pace is a slow build-up with sudden bursts of action

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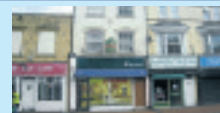
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This well-proportioned reception room has an almost full width double glazed window to the front aspect and the double glazed patio windows providing access and views to the rear garden.

There is a flame-effect gas fire with back boiler and traditional brick style feature fireplace.

The extended kitchen has wall and base units to three sides, work surfaces incorporating the stainless steel one-and-a-half bowl sink drainer unit with cupboard storage space and recess and plumbing for automatic washing machine below. The kitchen includes an integrated gas hob, cooker hood over and integrated oven.

A rear lobby provides access to the ground floor WC and door to garage.

On the first floor the property has two double bedrooms and a third single bedroom



Number 140 Bromley Lane, Kingswinford, is an extended semi-detached with a long block paved drive

with built-in wardrobe.

A shower room includes electric shower, vanity unit with inset wash basin, low-level flush WC, full height tiling to the walls, patterned double glazed window to the rear and radiator.

Situated within Bromley Lane the property is set well back from the road beyond the

long block paved driveway approach which provides ample space for vehicular parking and leads alongside the well-maintained lawns with well-stocked surrounding borders.

The garage is entered via up-and-over doors having concrete floor, power points and door to the rear hall.

The large rear garden comprises an almost full width block paved patio area with cold water tap and pathway leading alongside an initial lawned area with well-stocked surrounding borders to further lawns again with surrounding borders in all measuring approximately 75ft in length.

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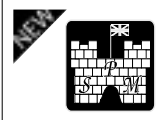
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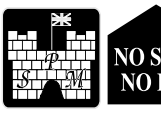


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- Re-fitted kitchen
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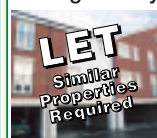
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A significantly EXTENDED, Freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS from the rear set in favoured district close to so many amenities/country park, and comprising: enlarged transverse 18'8" lounge, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'oak' finish units, pantry, and opening through to a separate sitting room (with patio doors), and a utility section (with sky light), fitted cloakroom, superb separate dining room beyond (with double doors out to the garden & views). Three bedrooms, bathroom, Garage, delightful sun patio, lengthy secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £164,950**WORDSLEY****88 Tack Farm Road**

THIS BEAUTIFULLY REFURBISHED, TRADITIONAL SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME enjoys an excellent corner setting within this established location, offering a VERY SPACIOUS and ATTRACTIVELY APPOINTED accommodation which is READY TO MOVE INTO, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, well proportioned lounge, ATTRACTIVELY REFITTED DINING KITCHEN with integrated appliances, utility room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and re-appointed classic white bathroom. Set back beyond the DRIVEWAY to the fore and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £136,950 No Upward Chain**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

An extremely stylish, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed end town house of character that has been tremendously enhanced/improved in recent years carefully retaining/enhancing many period features. Superb accommodation includes; dining room (with original overmantel/open fireplace), store, lounge (with cast wood burning stove), upgraded 18'8" breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units. Two double bedrooms, recently reappointed/refitted bathroom with white suite. Externally there is a through store, and a delightful garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**LOWER GORNAL****Flavel's Lane**

This immaculately presented, modern style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, three bedroom mid town house that may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families, and is available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. The conscientiously maintained property briefly comprises; entrance hall, transverse lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units. Three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite. Driveway, garage to rear, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**LOWER GORNAL****Park Road**

This conscientiously maintained, UPVC double glazed (vast majority), gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home which is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, through lounge, kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances. Three good bedrooms, bathroom with white suite. Tarmacadam hardstanding to front, and a low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,950**KINGSWINFORD****12 Standhills Road**

Superbly located within very popular and highly sought after 'tree-lined' Standhills Road, this MOST DECEPTIVE MID TERRACE FAMILY HOME offers a PARTICULARLY GENEROUS layout of accommodation which includes TWO SEPARATE RECEPTION ROOMS and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate dining room / study, refitted dining kitchen with integrated appliances, THREE EXCEPTIONAL SIZE BEDROOMS, bathroom and separate w.c. The property is set back beyond an enclosed paved frontage and enjoys a patio / lawn rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £111,450**UPPER GORNAL****Hill Street**

NO UPWARD CHAIN, an attractive, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed traditional end terrace of character that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years set in popular neighbourhood with GOOD DISTANT VIEWS from the rear. Accommodation provides lounge, transverse breakfast kitchen, store, two bedrooms, reappointed shower room with white suite, slatted patio & ALLOCATED PARKING SPACE. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £109,950**COSELEY****Skidmore Road**

This vast majority UPVC double glazed traditional style two bedroom semi detached bungalow would now benefit from sympathetic improvement/upgrading, yet offers excellent potential. The property which is situated in an established residential location briefly comprises; entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, dining room, kitchen, conservatory, bathroom. Driveway, and a pleasant rear garden. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £99,950**DUDLEY****Holly Hall Road**

This gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed, traditional style three bedroomed semi detached property is not overlooked from the rear, and stands in this established residential location and comprises; hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., three bedrooms, shower room, gardens to front and rear, driveway, brick built storage shed. Must be seen, available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £94,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Victoria Street**

This Victorian style, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated, two bedroomed, end terrace is beautifully presented throughout, and is well worthy of internal inspection. The conscientiously maintained property, which may be of particular interest to first time buyers, briefly comprises; living room, dining room, kitchen, two good bedrooms, bathroom with whirlpool bath, and a good sized rear garden. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers around £86,950**COSELEY****Southall Crescent**

A traditional, majority UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated end townhouse situated in an established location convenient for local amenities with particular appeal to first time buyers. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, kitchen, guest w.c., two bedrooms, bathroom, driveway & good size rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950**DUDLEY****Laurel Road**

This immaculately presented & considerably improved, UPVC double glazed semi detached that has been conscientiously maintained by the current owners & is well worthy of internal inspection. The accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, living room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, conservatory, two good bedrooms (principal bedroom with fine range of fitted wardrobes), bathroom with white suite, garage, concrete print driveway & pleasant, low maintenance rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £84,950**WORDSLEY****6 Belle Vue Court**

THIS IMPRESSIVELY SPACIOUS AND ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED, FIRST FLOOR FLAT is very pleasantly located within this much sought after and established address, enjoying ATTRACTIVE VIEWS towards Wordsley's King George Park and offering a VERY GENEROUS LAYOUT of accommodation and comprising: reception hall, lounge, fitted dining kitchen, excellent sized bedroom and classic white bathroom. OFF-ROAD PARKING is available within the COMMUNAL PARKING AREA, with vehicular access to the side of the block just off Belle Vue. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £82,950**COSELEY****Sangwin Road**

A comparatively spacious first floor flat in need of some improvement/upgrading yet would represent an excellent investment opportunity for CASH BUYERS ONLY. The property briefly comprises living room, dining kitchen, two double bedrooms, shower room & a rear garden. Presented for sale with NO UPWARD CHAIN. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £49,950**LOWER GORNAL****Summer Lane**

A particularly SPACIOUS, enlarged/extended detached, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed family home that has been transformed by present vendors in recent years set within walking distance of village. Superb accommodation includes imposing reception hall, store, elegant lounge with bay & feature fireplace, dining room with double French doors out to garden, magnificent 16'7" refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, pantry/utility room, fitted cloakroom. FIVE BEDROOMS (principal bedroom with shower room en suite & walk-in wardrobe/closet) and stylish bathroom with contemporary suite installed in early 2010. Garage, gardens. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £237,500**SEDGLEY****Dudley Road**

A SPACIOUS, significantly modernised & improved, freehold, gas centrally & UPVC double glazed inter-war detached of character with many fine period features & providing FURTHER POTENTIAL with planning consent for substantial to side & rear. Accommodation includes entrance, imposing reception hall (original woodblock floor), store, elegant lounge with bay, sitting room, rear lobby, kitchen, transverse 24'3" verandah. THREE DOUBLE BEDROOMS, stylish reappointed bathroom with white suite incorporating jacuzzi, large (22'8" garage), extensive, well planted, secluded garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £239,950**COSELEY****Bancroft Close**

An absolutely outstanding, exceptionally well appointed, centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached at head of cul-de-sac in favoured district. Evidently the subject of lavish expenditure in recent years, the property has been 'transformed' to an exemplary specification and comprises entrance hall, fourth bedroom, elegant 18'8" lounge with bay & oak striped floor, dining with oak striped floor, refitted kitchen with a fine range of 'Schreiber' contemporary style - light oak effect units, store, separate laundry, lobby, fitted cloakroom. Three bedrooms all with a fine range of 'Shap' fitted units & principal bedroom with reappointed shower room en suite, reappointed bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. Personal inspection imperative for total appreciation. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £189,950**KINGSWINFORD****212 Lesley Drive**

Superbly located, just off Stearn Road, within this popular location, this SUBSTANTIAL, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME affords a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, which is GENEROUSLY PROPORTIONED throughout, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and CAVITY WALL INSULATION and comprising: reception hall, LARGE ATTRACTIVE LOUNGE with DINING AREA 7'8" x 10'11", garden room, WELL APPOINTED KITCHEN with integrated appliances, FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and classic white bathroom. Set back beyond a VERY LARGE COTTWOLD CHIPPED DRIVEWAY (with ample space for a CARAVAN if required) with approach to GARAGE and enjoying a PRIVATE and SECURED LOW MAINTENANCE REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950**WORDSLEY****20 Graham Road**

Delightfully located and enjoying a very special open front outlook this DISTINCTIVE TRADITIONAL BAY FRONTED SEMI-DETACHED FAMILY HOME has been SUBSTANTIALLY EXTENDED to the full width at the rear, now offering an EXCEPTIONALLY SPACIOUS layout of ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED accommodation including: integral porch, 20' through entrance hall, 17' x lounge with bay, large separate dining room, fitted kitchen, separate utility room, rear lobby area, THREE BEDROOMS (bedroom 1 & 3 with wardrobes), refitted bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the FULL WIDTH DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a GOOD SIZED ESTABLISHED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £174,950

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PENSNETT**£5,000 REDUCTION****26 Fernhurst Drive**

Superbly located upon the fringe of the sought after 'Ravenswood/Pennfields' development, this DISTINCTIVE DETACHED FAMILY HOUSE enjoys a VERY SPACIOUS and MOST ATTRACTIVELY PRESENTED LAYOUT with GAS CENTRAL HEATING to offer reception hall, splendid large lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen with built in appliances, utility, guest cloakroom w.c., FOUR GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, bedroom one with en suite shower room, majority with built in wardrobes and with modern bathroom with shower. "Crate Print" driveway, garage and a LARGE WELL MAINTAINED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Now: £169,950**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****5 Kingsford Nouveau**

A SUBSTANTIAL, MODERN DETACHED FAMILY HOME which enjoys a very pleasant cul de sac setting, offering a VERY SPACIOUS and WELL PRESENTED LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, ground floor w.c., spacious lounge, separate dining room area, conservatory, fitted kitchen, utility / laundry room, THREE GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS and bathroom with light colour suite. Set back beyond a small front lawn, together a GOOD SIZED TARMAC DRIVEWAY with approach to the DETACHED GARAGE and enjoying an EXCELLENT SIZED REAR GARDEN with principally level patios and lawns. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £169,950**SEDGLEY****NEW PRICE****Arcal Street**

RECENTLY CONSTRUCTED. A distinctive, particularly stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed detached (with potential garage space) in a particularly convenient established district within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring, schools & all associated amenities. The house is covered by NHBC guarantee and comprises imposing reception hall, fitted cloak/shower room, through lounge, well equipped kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances & a utility room beyond. Three bedrooms, bathroom, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £169,950**LOWER GORNAL****Deepdale Lane**

Enlarged 3 bedroom semi detached WITH BASEMENT FLAT that is highly individual, deceptively spacious, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed. The property has been transformed in recent years to provide particularly flexible accommodation, and briefly comprises: Ground floor - entrance porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room & enlarged updated kitchen with conservatory section, large store/utility room (former garage). First floor - three bedrooms & a reapointed shower room (former bathroom). Staircase (approach from hall or the store room) down to a lower ground floor flat comprising entrance section, bathroom, living/dining/bedroom areas with a kitchen section. Neat rear garden, good distant views. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £159,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Kingsley Grove, Straits**

Delightful, conscientiously maintained & significantly ENLARGED, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached bungalow envably situated at head of relatively short/quiet cul de sac adjacent to adopted open space. The property is presented in fine order throughout with reception hall, two double bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white 'rope twist' style suite & an electric shower, enlarged 22ft lounge/dining room, kitchen, utility room. Large, recently built brick garage (17'10" x 9'11"), ample parking and delightful, secluded expertly tended rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,950**LOWER GORNAL****NEW PRICE****Prices Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A delightful, tremendously modernised & enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & primarily UPVC double glazed semi detached cottage presented in exemplary order throughout in quiet 'backwater' within walking distance of the village & all associated amenities. Outstanding accommodation includes lounge (with living flame feature fireplace), dining room, 13'7" bathroom (separate shower), refitted through kitchen with a fine range of units & integrated appliances, vestibule & laundry section. To the first floor are two bedrooms. Extensive block paved parking for front, neat secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £155,000**KINGSWINFORD****NOW AVAILABLE****4 Ashley Close**

Occupying a superb cul-de-sac position, approached off Kingswood Road/Mount Pleasant, this SUCCESSFULLY EXTENDED MODERN SEMI-DETACHED BUNGALOW has, in recent years, been MUCH IMPROVED to enhance the VERY SPACIOUS layout of accommodation which includes entrance porch, reception hall, lounge with dining room area off, extended fitted kitchen, TWO GOOD SIZED BEDROOMS, refitted bathroom with shower, storage heating and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is further enhanced by the large frontside driveway, GARAGE and a private level rear garden which enjoys a sunny aspect. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £154,950**SEDGLEY****Manderley Close, Northway**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. A distinctive, Freehold, gas radiator centrally heated, and UPVC double glazed detached with potential envably situated in short/quiet cul-de-sac, and comprising reception hall, store, fitted cloakroom, tremendous 18 ft L shape living room, transverse dining room (possibilities of sub division?), with a fine range of units & patio doors out to the garden. Two double bedrooms, bathroom. Boarded/plastered roof space (with sky light), EXTENDED 26ft garage/work room. Secluded rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £154,950**PENSNETT****£5,000 REDUCTION****49 The Plantation**

A LARGE 'DORMER' STYLE SEMI DETACHED 'MUCKLOW' HOUSE which is superbly placed within a sought after location, offering a VERY SPACIOUS & EXTREMELY WELL PROPORTIONED layout, REQUIRING SOME UPDATING, comprising: Porch, Reception Hall, Generous Lounge, Sep. Dining Room/ Bedroom 3, Kitchen, 2/3 DOUBLE BEDROOMS, re fitted Bathroom, GAS CENTRAL HEATING system and UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING. The property is set back from the road beyond the front lawn, LONG FRONT/ SIDE DRIVEWAY, GARAGE and a sunny rear garden. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE: 01384 401777

Price: £149,950**COSELEY****Acacia Drive**

This traditional style, bay fronted, extended, gas centrally heated & double glazed (vast majority being UPVC) three bedroom semi detached home is situated in a relatively quiet cul de sac on the popular Bramford Estate. Accommodation briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge with bay, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, larger than average garage and a lawned rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £139,950**COSELEY****Clifton Street, Hurst Hill**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This beautifully presented, extended, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated, three bedroom semi detached home has been conscientiously maintained/improved by the current owners and internal inspection is strongly advised to appreciate the standard of accommodation provided. The property briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, extended dining kitchen with a fine range of units, utility, CONSERVATORY, three good bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £137,500**KINGSWINFORD****£5,000 REDUCTION****20 Sunnymede Road**

This SUCCESSFULLY ALTERED AND MUCH IMPROVED SEMI DETACHED FAMILY HOME is very well placed within this sought after established location, close to local amenities, and offers a VERY SPACIOUS LAYOUT of accommodation, including GAS CENTRAL HEATING, UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: reception hall, very spacious lounge, separate formal dining room, ATTRACTIVELY RE-FITTED KITCHEN with built-in appliances, utility room, THREE BEDROOMS, classic white bathroom and superb lot (accessed via stairs in bedroom 2). Gently elevated and set back beyond the BLOCK PAVED DRIVEWAY with approach to the GARAGE and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

Price: £134,950**SEDGLEY****Bilston Street**

Conveniently situated within walking distance of Sedgley's Bull Ring & all associated amenities, a PARTICULARLY SPACIOUS, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed SEMI DETACHED that has been significantly modernised & improved in recent years & the superb well presented accommodation includes dining room with walk in bay, under stairs store, transverse living room with 'living flame' feature gas fire, well equipped breakfast kitchen with a fine range of units & various integrated appliances, reapointed bathroom with white suite. Three generously proportioned bedrooms (one with fitted units), delightful secluded level rear garden with secure gated PARKING (for two vehicles) at rear. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £129,950**DUDLEY****Dibdale Street**

An ENLARGED, freehold, UPVC double glazed, gas centrally heated traditional semi detached with potential & tremendous views; porch, imposing reception hall, sitting room with bay, dining with patio doors, pantry, kitchen. Two double bedrooms (both with wardrobes), tiled bathroom & enlarged landing with staircase up to third dormer room. Large 'drive through' CONTRACTORS GARAGE with automated door, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £124,950**COSELEY****Bradleys Lane, Wallbrook**

Situated in a popular residential neighbourhood, this most impressive, traditional style, UPVC double glazed & gas centrally heated semi detached has been considerably improved/updated by present owners. The well presented accommodation comprises entrance porch, hall, stylish lounge, dining/sitting room, refitted kitchen with a fine range of units, three bedrooms, reapointed bathroom with white corner suite, driveway, garage & a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £122,950**WOODSETTON****Brook Street**

An exceptionally well appointed, tremendously enhanced & extremely stylish, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed townhouse of tremendous character that has been carefully restored by present vendors in recent years. Outstanding accommodation includes access to cellar and lofty (gilt ceiling) hall, elegant lounge with feature cast fireplace, refitted breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'light beige' effect units & integrated appliances, rear utility/laundry section, separate toilet, reapointed bathroom with white suite. To the first floor are two double bedrooms and there is a winding staircase up to a further third dormer double bedroom. Secluded rear garden. Vendor advises property is close to Coseley station 15min link to Birmingham. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**LOWER GORNAL****Autumn Drive**

VENDOR IS OFFERING A 5% GIFTED DEPOSIT ON THE FULL ASKING PRICE. A well presented & significantly enhanced, freehold, gas centrally heated & UPVC double glazed semi detached at head of cul de sac in popular district. Superb accommodation includes porch, reception hall, through lounge/dining room (formerly separate rooms), refitted kitchen with a fine range of units with integrated oven, hob & filter. Three bedrooms (one with wardrobe), tiled bathroom, garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £119,950**COSELEY****Andersleigh Drive**

An absolutely outstanding, EXTENDED, gas centrally heated & double glazed end 'starter home' envably situated in quiet/safe cul de sac with panoramic distant views. Superb, stylish accommodation includes entrance hallway, lounge, refitted L-shape breakfast kitchen with a fine range of 'beech' effect and a computer/playroom beyond. Two bedrooms, stylish reapointed/re-tiled bathroom with white suite. Potential garage space, lengthy landscaped garden with a secluded patio. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers in the region of £118,000**LOWER GORNAL****Gideons Close**

Envably located in favoured section of cul de sac with PANORAMIC DISTANT VIEWS, freehold, gas centrally heated & double glazed SEMI DETACHED 'starter home' comprising entrance hallway, lounge with 'contemporary style' overmantel & living flame fire, upgraded breakfast kitchen with integrated oven, hob & filter, two double bedrooms, stylish reapointed bathroom with white suite/chrome fittings. Block paved forecourt, secluded/landscaped rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £117,950**DUDLEY****Summerfield Road**

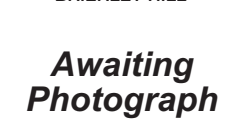
We are pleased to offer for sale this traditionally styled, extended, gas centrally heated and UPVC double glazed three bedroomed semi detached residence, and comprising: hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, three bedrooms, bathroom, gardens to front and rear, garage, burglar alarm. Realistically priced. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £116,950**DUDLEY****Old Park Road**

This traditional style, bay fronted, double glazed & gas centrally heated three bedroomed semi detached home is situated in an established residential location, and may particularly appeal to first time buyers and young families alike. Accommodation briefly comprises; entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen. Three bedrooms, bathroom with white suite, Driveway and a pleasant rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £114,950**COSELEY****Avenue Road**

NO UPWARD CHAIN. This traditional style, vast majority of the property has been conscientiously maintained/improved and is conveniently situated for local amenities and may particularly appeal to first time buyers or young families. The property, which would now ideally benefit from sympathetic improvement/ upgrading, briefly comprises entrance porch, hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom with white suite, garage, driveway & rear garden. SEDGLEY OFFICE 01902 880888

Offers in the region of £112,950**BRIERLEY HILL****Fenton Street**

Realistically priced for a quick sale, sold with NO UPWARD CHAIN is this gas centrally heated, double glazed two/three bedroomed town house with many recent improvements by the current vendors, and comprising: inner porch, lounge, modern kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, garden to rear, driveway to front. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £99,950**DUDLEY****Saltwells Road**

Positioned in this established residential location close to all local facilities, is this 'traditionally style', three bedroomed mid townhouse requiring selective modernisation yet offering excellent potential. Accommodation comprises: hall, two reception rooms, kitchen, three first floor bedrooms, bathroom, rear garden with vehicular access. Available with NO UPWARD CHAIN. BRIERLEY HILL OFFICE 01384 265265

Offers Around £84,995**KINGSWINFORD****NEW PRICE****161 Ragees Road**

Superbly set within this popular 'cul de sac' upon the highly sought after 'High Acres' development, this VERY SPACIOUS GROUND FLOOR FLAT offers TASTEFULLY DECORATED accommodation, which is 'READY TO MOVE INTO', including UPVC DOUBLE GLAZING and comprising: entrance hall, SPACIOUS LOUNGE with DINING AREA, fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, good sized bedroom and 'classic white' bathroom. Benefiting from an ALLOCATED OFF-ROAD CAR PARKING SPACE and enjoying a GOOD SIZED REAR GARDEN. KINGSWINFORD OFFICE 01384 401777

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Semi detached two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, shower room, rear garden and driveway.

Limepit Lane, Dudley



Offers Over £170,000

NEW

Detached three bedroom property briefly comprising of a dining room, kitchen, lounge, shower room, rear garden and driveway.

Tansley Hill Avenue, Dudley



£195,000

NEW

Detached four bedroom property briefly comprising lounge/diner, kitchen, conservatory, garage, downstairs wet room, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway.

Oakham Road, Tividale



£145,000

NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, extended kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Julie Croft, Bilston



£110,000

NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway.

Old Park Road, Dudley



£120,000

NEW PRICE

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising lounge/diner, extended kitchen with utility room, downstairs wc, shower room, rear garden and driveway.

Cinder Road, Dudley



£135,000

NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Dingle Road, Dudley



£140,000

NEW

Semi detached three bedroom property briefly comprising porch, entrance hall, lounge, kitchen/diner, family bathroom, rear garden and driveway. Viewing recommended.

Julie Croft, Bilston



£120,000

NEW

End terrace three bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, conservatory, bathroom, rear garden, driveway and garage.

Bramble Green, Dudley



£80,000

NEW

Semi detached property briefly comprising of lounge, kitchen, two bedrooms and bathroom.

Ivanhoe Street, Dudley



Offers Over £70,000

NEW PRICE

First time buyer opportunity, terraced two bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom and rear garden. Viewing recommended.

Smithy Lane, Brierley Hill



Offers Over £140,000

NEW PRICE

Semi detached three bedroom property comprising enclosed porch, lounge, kitchen, bathroom, front and rear gardens and driveway. Stamp duty exempt

Richborough Drive, Dudley



Offers Over £110,000

NEW PRICE

End terrace two bedroom property briefly comprising entrance hall, kitchen, lounge, bathroom, garden and driveway.

Clifton Street, Bilston



£140,000

NEW PRICE

A three storey four bedroom detached property, briefly comprising downstairs wc, lounge, kitchen/diner, bathroom, en-suite to master bedroom, garage, driveway and rear garden.

Tansley Hill Road, Dudley



Offers Over £170,000

Semi detached four bedroom property briefly comprising lounge, dining room, conservatory, kitchen, family bathroom and separate wc, and stairs leading to loft area, rear garden, drive and garage.

Peel Street, Dudley



Offers Over £110,000

Semi Detached two bedroom property comprising kitchen, dining room, lounge, downstairs bathroom, upstairs shower room, rear garden, driveway and garage. Viewing recommended.



Gill Street, Dudley



£100,000

Semi detached three bedroom property, lounge, garage currently being used as fourth bedroom, stairs leading down to kitchen/diner and family bathroom, upstairs shower room, rear garden and driveway.

Callaghan Drive, Tividale



£127,500

A three bedroom property comprising downstairs wc, study/bedroom three, utility room, lounge, kitchen, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, driveway and garage.

Brunel Drive, Tipton



Offers Over £118,000

Terraced three bedroom property briefly comprising kitchen, downstairs wc, lounge/diner, family bathroom, master bedroom with en-suite, front and rear gardens, garage and driveway.

Legge Lane, Bilston



£85,000

Detached two bedroom bungalow briefly comprising entrance hall, lounge kitchen/diner, bathroom, front and rear gardens and garage to rear of property.

Tipton Road, Sedgley



£210,000

Detached four bedroom property comprising lounge, reception two, kitchen/diner, downstairs wc, family bathroom, master with en-suite, front and rear gardens, garage and drive way.

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A four bedroom detached home that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge, dining room with a patio door opening on to the rear garden, reappointed kitchen, utility room, downstairs wc, master bedroom en-suite, three further bedrooms, family bathroom, UPVC double-glazing (where stated), gas-fired central heating, garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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COTWALL END ROAD

A two bedroom detached bungalow that briefly comprises: Reception porch, reception hall, lounge with an archway leading to a dining area, study / sitting room, fitted breakfast kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, two bedrooms, bathroom, double-glazing, gas fired central heating, carport, garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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NORTHWAY

A three / four bedroom dormer bungalow that briefly comprises an L-shaped reception hall, a lounge, a separate sitting room, a dining room / bedroom four, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden.

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A five bedroom detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a dining room, a breakfast room/study, a fitted kitchen with a feature Range oven, a utility room, a downstairs wc, five bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a garage and a rear garden that backs onto local parkland

£169,950

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BROWNSWALL ROAD

A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception hall, a lounge with open access into the conservatory, a dining room, a fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing where stated, gas fired central heating, a garage and a pleasant rear garden.

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A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a reception porch, a reception hall, a lounge, a fitted kitchen, a dining/sitting room, three bedrooms, a bathroom, double glazing, a 33ft garage with a workshop behind and a pleasant rear garden.

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A three bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises: reception hall, guest cloakroom, lounge, superb fitted dining kitchen with a range of integrated appliances, three bedrooms, a bathroom, uPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a driveway for two cars and a pleasant rear garden.

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MANDERSTON CLOSE

A two bedroom semi-detached home that briefly comprises a lounge, a spacious dining kitchen, an inner hallway, a downstairs wc, two good sized bedrooms, a bathroom, UPVC double-glazing, gas fired central heating, a rear garden and an adjacent double carport area that provides parking for two cars.

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ARCAL STREET

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Production is rolling again



The MG6 was the first car produced at the re-opened Longbridge factory

A NEW MG car has rolled off the production line at the company's Longbridge plant, signalling a new era of manufacturing for the brand. This comes six years after thousands of jobs were shed when the West Midlands factory closed.

Some of the factory's 400 workers gathered to watch the car as it emerged from production amid clouds of dry ice and bursts of confetti. MG is now owned by Chinese car company SAIC and is describing the new vehicle as the first all-new MG for 16 years.

The first car off the line was a red MG6 and was

driven by the plant's only female factory worker, Lisa Pontor.

Pontor, who was one of those who lost her job, said she did not hesitate to return when production at the site resumed.

Compete

"It is great to see cars coming off the line again. It's been too long and hopefully more people will be employed here," she said.

The 1.8-litre MG6 will compete with small vehicles such as the Volkswagen Golf and Ford Focus.

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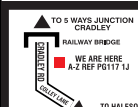
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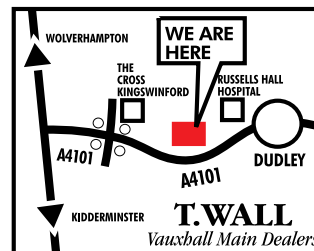
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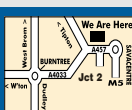
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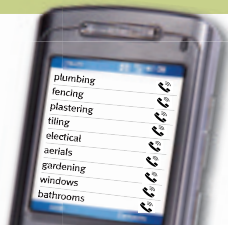
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Kinver 0 Halas Hawks 2

Two goals from striker Hannah Fellows took her total to 34 for the season and earned the 77 girls a well deserved victory over Kinver.

In a closely contested first half Fellows broke free on 10 minutes after a long clearance from keeper Kelly Nicklin to smash home from the edge of the box.

A free-kick produced Kinver's best opportunity and the shot whistled just wide of a post.

The game was still in the balance but settled by Fellows, who slotted a shot into the bottom corner after Charlotte Feraday had threaded through an inch-perfect pass.

The Hawks were grateful for another tireless performance from Maddison Eden in midfield who ran all game and made tackle after tackle.

Halas Hawks 4 Gornal 2

The under-13 girls met Gornal in a repeat of the League Cup final and, as in that match, took a two-goal lead through Amy Blakemore and Sophie Pritchard only to see Gornal equalise and force extra time.

It was Danielle Dudson who made the vital breakthrough, scoring her first ever goal for Halas. A second goal for Amy Blakemore made the game safe.

Halas Hawks 2 Withymoor 1

A cracking under-14 girls final saw Halas fight back to win from a goal down. They trailed in the first half but two well-taken goals by Jess Morton gave Halas the victory.

Brierley Hill Bullets 0 Halas Hawks 7

The under-16 boys made a dream start when Guy Millward scored from a Chris Swancott corner.

Brierley Hill came back into the game and were unlucky to go in two down at the break following Alex Chappell's goal.

The Bullets applied early pressure in the second half before Joe Powell and Adam Hodges made it 4-0.

Halas then stepped up a gear with Ki McIllduff scoring. Guy Millward adding another and Sam Kirk scoring his first goal in seven years from the penalty spot.

Girls League

Halas Hawks 10 Santiago Colts 0

Halas re-discovered their eye for goal in this under-12s league game as Lucy Heaselgrave grabbed seven, Sophie Heaselgrave two and Bethan Bryan the other.

The damage was done primarily in the first half as Francesca Hancox and Abigail Genard dominated possession while Imogen Papworth, Liz Thomas and Esme Moran snuffed out any break away attacks. Santiago never gave up and were unfortunate not to score.

Droitwich Spa 1 Halas Hawks 1

The under-15 girls continued their unbeaten run-in with a draw against a talented Droitwich side.

A good passing move was founded off when Chloe Biddlestone flicked the ball over the keeper.

Droitwich levelled in a second half which saw a frantic finish with chances at both ends. Halas player of the match was captain Zoe Tidman.

Boys League

Halas Hawks W 5 West Hagley S 1

The under-12s West retained their place in division one with a convincing win.

Halas raced into a three-goal lead before the break through a strike from Matt Jones and two from Dylan Keeling. Hagley pulled a goal back in the second half but Halas kicked on and two goals from Cameron Milne saw them over the line with the points.

Brierley Hill Bullets 4 Halas Hawks 3

The under-13s led promotion contenders Brierley Hill 2-0 at the break with a brace from Michael Eaton.

The home side fought back to lead 3-2 before Eaton completed his hat-trick from the penalty spot.

But it was Brierley Hill who then scored the decisive goal.

Final day party at Tividale falls flat

Tividale 0 Bewdley 3

CHAMPIONS Tividale had their end of season party spoiled as they missed the chance to end the West Midlands Premier League campaign on 100 points.

It was designated fancy dress day at The Beeches but Bewdley were in the mood to play party-poppers.

After an even opening quarter during which neither side threatened, Bewdley took the lead on 28 minutes with a well-taken Chris Seekings goal.

Tividale responded positively but without being able to penetrate the visitors' defence.

The second half began with immediate pressure from Tividale but they were rocked when Bewdley added a second after 48 minutes, Ollie Smith scoring from close range after a goalmouth scramble.

His goal brought a lot of huffing and puffing from the hosts but in truth they rarely threatened to get the ball past Bewdley's veteran keeper Darren Steadman.

Seekings netted his second goal and Bewdley's third on 70 minutes against a tired-looking Tividale side who have the League Cup final against Wolverhampton Casuals on tonight (May 12).

Bustleholme 3

AFC Wulfrunians 2

Bustleholme capped a fine West Midlands Premier season with a tremendous comeback victory thanks to a Matt Jukes hat-trick.

Mark Swann and Ade Bandle put the visitors in control but Jukes pulled one back.

Jukes then scored a superb solo goal and netted the winner five minutes from time.

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One: Striker Steven Fletcher celebrates the opening goal at Molineux as the Baggies are put to the sword



Two: Adlene Guedioura beats Scott Carson after another set-piece

Fletcher sparks belief as Molineux goes wild

WELL, Wolves might not be safe. But it feels like it.

It doesn't get much better than yesterday's win over your local rivals in terms of preparation for the last two games.

An ultimately comprehensive victory to end a miserable five-match winless streak not only put Mick McCarthy's side out of the drop zone for the first time since February 26.

But it gave players and fans genuine hope that they can avoid relegation for the first time since that win over Villa on March 19.

Captain Karl Henry believes they need at least another win to be safe.

And at the very least, they have put themselves in the best frame of mind to do it as they prepare to go up against an injury-ravaged Sunderland side this Saturday. Knowing Wolves as we do, their fate probably won't be known until the last day against Blackburn.

Glorious

But for the moment, they have given their supporters another glorious occasion to remember that, given the opposition, must rank right up there with victories against Chelsea, Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool and Villa.

Once again they proved that they are at their best when they are in the opposition's faces. As results have proved, what they cannot do is sustain the force of these high-octane performances on a regular basis. That's why they are where they are.

But it's a joy to anyone connected to Wolves when it comes off. Of course, triggers are needed for this type of in-your-face display, and no-one typified this gutsy performance more than Stephen Hunt.

This was always going to be the sort of game where you felt the fiery winger would excel. And so it proved as he led his team-mates by running non-stop, flying into tackles and closing down to force errors to set the tone for others to follow.

That Matt Jarvis wasn't missed says a lot about Hunt's performance. Alongside him was a revitalised Jamie



Three: Fletcher celebrates his second



Baggies hitman Peter Odemwingle prompts late anxiety in the home fans by scoring from the spot

O'Hara, who looked back to his best, while Wolves' front two built on their impressive collective performance at Birmingham last week by never allowing Jonas Olsson or Abdoulaye Meite a moment's peace.

Wolves practise set-pieces a lot in training and their work was well founded with Albion going into the game having conceded 25 from corners and free-kicks as Hunt's corners created the first two goals.

Steven Fletcher and Adlene Guedioura applied the close-range finishes after finding themselves unmarked three yards out in the 17th and 28th minutes.

That not only punished Albion for a sluggish start, but gave McCarthy's side a platform from which they rarely looked like relinquishing.

Of course, it wouldn't be Wolves

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without a wobble, but thankfully for gold and black hearts and minds it duly came after their side were 3-0 up thanks to Fletcher's cool finish after Meite had allowed Kevin Foley's routine pass under his feet two minutes after the break. It was only then that Albion started to play, and they gave Wolves more than a few nervous moments triggered by Peter Odemwingle's 54th minute penalty awarded for Guedioura's trip on Jerome Thomas.

That sparked a series of attacks which saw Wayne Hennessey, who had earlier got a fingertip to Odemwingle's first-half

injury-time shot, claw away Simon Cox's volley on the hour.

Four minutes later, Thomas escaped last man Foley to rattle the bar to leave Wolves rattled. And you could sense the tension teeming down from the stands when the unmarked Somen Tcheyi flashed a header fractionally wide in the 70th minute.

Thankfully for Wolves, they weathered Albion's storm and almost grabbed a fourth goal when the tireless Stephen Ward lobbed a defender to leave himself clean through only to drill inches wide.

That was as far as the chances went and, as Albion's resistance was broken, cue celebrations in the stands as Wolves fans sensed a victory that has proved so elusive in this fixture in recent years.

It was only the second time McCarthy

has tasted that winning feeling in nine games against Albion and indeed only Wolves' third in 17 over their arch rivals since 1996-97, when they did the double over them.

And in what was something of an Achilles heel for McCarthy before this season, he has found derbies to be a rare source of success. Yesterday's win made it an encouraging 11 points from their six West Midlands clashes this season.

And ironically, just when he is about to be declared fit, they suddenly look like they can cope without Kevin Doyle.

Fletcher's brace made it four in four and six in 10 games. And for the first time, there were formative signs of a partnership between him and Ward. Another encouraging pointer as fans at last looked forward with hope in their hearts.

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Jamie Harris in the field against Shrewsbury.
Picture: James Marsh

Piece of history for Jamie, 14

JAMIE HARRIS made history for Himley in their winning draw against champions Shrewsbury.

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Harris, who opens the batting for Worcestershire

Under-15s and is a member of the Worcester-shire satellite academy, was restricted to fielding duties in a rain-hit game.

Chris Tranter (72) and Ben Smith (63) took Himley to 207-6 and Shrewsbury had reached 171-8, at the premature close with six overs left,

with skipper Ed Foster hitting 88.

Kidderminster Victoria opened with a six-wicket loss to Knowle & Dorrige. Kidderminster captain Jonathan Wright topscored with 52 in their total of 158-8 in 40 overs. Luke Parker (49) and Chishti (33) saw K&D home.

Fordhouses finished three runs short of victory with three wickets left at Halesowen in Division Two. Mohammed Shaub (84) and Hasan Qamri (55) took Halesowen to 197-8 (Jatin Kohli 4-70) before Fordhouses gave a side two divisions higher than them last year a fright.

Dropped catch, but still a victory

Coventry & North Warwickshire (2pts) 156-8, Old Hill (20pts) 162-3, Old Hill won by seven wickets

A DROPPED catch failed to prevent Old Hill taking a good victory at Binley Road.

They won the toss and inserted the home team, swiftly making inroads to reduce them to 52-4.

But a dropped slip catch helped produce a stand of 49 before Matt Pickering (40) was removed by Nathan Round, writes **Derek Griffiths**.

Coventry & NW reached just 156-8 from their 47 overs with Zafran Ali (5-35) the pick of the Old Hill bowlers.

In reply Old Hill got to a good start and Nitesh Patel (26), Round (35 not out) and Dan Wood (38 not out) eased them to the target. Round and Wood put on an unbeaten 68 to secure the points.

Moseley (15pts) 186-5, Old Hill (5pts) 124-7. Draw

Players and officials wearing black armbands lined up for a minute's silence before the second team match in memory of playing colleague Neil Petridge.

Rain delayed the start but Old Hill began well after winning the toss.

After 10 of the 30 overs they had Moseley poised precariously at 34-3.

Regular

But Jugdip Nandra (81) then shared partnerships of 69 with Kish Patel (41) and 73 with Nadri Din to take the visitors to a daunting total of 186-5.

The home side lost wickets at regular intervals with only Joe Thorn (72) standing firm against hostile bowling.

But Old Hill held out for the draw.

The thirds' game with Halesowen was postponed due to bad weather.

Halesowen (24pts) 177, Old Hill (5pts) 67. Halesowen won by 110 runs

An experienced Halesowen side battled first on a difficult wicket and amassed 177 all out from 42.1 overs.

Mohammed Ramzan (47) top scored but Old Hill gifted the visitors 37 runs in extras.

Old Hill's fourths were no match for Halesowen and only two players reached double figures.

They crashed to 67 all out in 23.4 overs and suffered a heavy defeat by 110 runs.

HAPPY GORNAL REACH TARGET

Bromyard 0 Gornal Athletic 3

GORNAL equalled their best ever league finishing position by snatching second spot in the West Midlands (Regional) League Premier.

Ian Rowe's men ground out a win at bottom placed Bromyard while rivals AFC Wulfrunians crashed to a 3-2 defeat at Bustleholme having led 2-0.

With the final round of league fixtures sandwiched between the JW Hunt Cup semi-final victory over Tivdale and tomorrow's final against Wulfs, Gornal were able to strike a psychological blow over their cup opponents by sneaking runners-up spot in the league.

Weekend of medals for club

STOURBRIDGE Swimming Club is celebrating a successful weekend of competition at Gloucester and Wolverhampton.

Fourteen members made the journey to Gloucester and came back with 12 gold, 11 silver and nine bronze medals.

Outstanding performances came from Aaron Costigan and Brittany Horton who won gold in every event they entered. Kyle Furnell, Sophie Page and Sam Knowles took medals in each category and Nat Dingley won six medals.

Adam Horton, Lucy Furnell and Sam Matthews took three each and Megan Dudley two.

The team of 26 at Wolverhampton for the Haden Hill Open produced 15 gold, eight silver and 15 bronze medals.

Every swim for Lauren Sanders produced a medal: Tom McCallum took six, Hannah Williams five and Gemma Dudley four while there were also medals for Grace Fellows, Geena Hill, Callum Faulkner, Adam Horton, Alex Price, Eddie Childs, Niamh Donovan, Isabel Barnsley, Alex Westwood and Bethan Walters.

Head coach Stew Nicklin said: "This has been an incredible weekend."

Victory over a stubborn Bromyard side was far from routine, however, as the exertions of the semi-final took their toll.

After 17 minutes of scrappy play with few clear chances, Gornal won a penalty when Cameron Morgan was felled in the box only for Bromyard keeper Dan Hollines to save Dave Meese's spot-kick superbly.

But the deadlock was broken on 31 minutes when excellent work by Cameron Morgan down the right led to an opportunity for Matt Martin who made no mistake in notching his first goal for the Peacocks.

Frustrate

The second half saw Bromyard continue to frustrate and restrict Gornal.

Soon after the break Cameron Morgan rattled the crossbar with a header and just two minutes later James Pemberton had to react quickly to dive at the feet of Bromyard striker Will Tolley.

With the clock ticking, Gornal finally secured the goals which reflected the balance of play.

On 87 minutes excellent approach play by Nisbett enabled him to work his way past the tiring Bromyard defence to slot home.

And on 92 minutes Calum Martin leathared a shot past substitute keeper Seb Kaeochei to make it three before news filtered through from Bustleholme.

Now Gornal and Wulfs square off in the JW Hunt final at Noose Lane, Willenhall (May 13, 7.30pm).

Young Glassboys' treble triumph



The victorious side, back from left, physio Derek Cronin, administration manager Keith Grainger, Myles Nettleford, Ryan Passey, Stephan Ashman, captain Matt Preston, Will Worthington, Alex Welch, Jakey Downing, Richard Smith, Dominic Richards, assistant manager Gary Brown, manager Dave King and coach John Hayes. Front from left, goalkeeping coach Steve Meeson, Declan Kirby, Ryan Moore, Bradley Evans, Craig Tibbetts, Sam Pritchard, Alex Welch and Callum Billington.

STOURBRIDGE FC's youth team has completed a second successive treble triumph.

Following promotion last season the side won the Floodlit Southern Premier League, again took the Worcester County Cup and finished the season by winning the League Cup.

They topped the league by 11 points, beat Brewdley Town 7-2 in the county cup final and defeated Southern regional champions Stourport Swifts 5-0 in the league cup.

On top of that the side had a fine FA Youth Cup run and reached the first round proper before bowing out at Grimsby Town.

Youth team assistant manager Gary Brown praised his charges as "sound, level-headed young men with a massive passion for the game".

Massive

He added: "The team over the last two seasons have won every trophy in the Midlands at youth team level."

"This is a massive achievement at any level of football, especially two seasons in a row."

"Next season manager Dave King and I have a massive rebuilding of the team to do, due to most of them reaching 18 and having to move on into senior football."

"The management are very proud of what the lads have achieved and would like to thank them all from the bottom of our hearts. Also it's very pleasing to see a handful of them playing for the first team this season and gaining valuable experience."

"Also we would like to thank the club, all the parents and supporters who turned out to watch. The lads had crowds of over 150 people at times for home games and away."

Clubs made to pay the weather price

SEVERAL clubs paid the price, as expected for the recent sunshine with a typically wet and cold Saturday.

However, Stourbridge were far enough north to escape any ill-effects and they crushed Romsley in style with James Musk bagging 93 not out and taking four wickets.

They head the **Division One** table with two maximum points hauls.

Their opponents, who have suffered from close season defections, currently bring up the rear in the standings with just three points from two matches.

Last week's other two sides with 24 points, Worcester Nomads and Bromyard, saw home matches with Oldswinford and Redditch respectively frustrated by the weather.

This allowed Droitwich to leapfrog them into second place with a winning draw at home to Bewdley.

Worcester Cricket League with Chris Marsh

Worcester were another team to benefit from other sides' problems with the weather.

They now sit in fifth following an extremely narrow winning draw against Pedmore.

The final match at Astwood Bank saw the home side cling onto a winning draw in poor conditions against Pershore.

Abandoned

Both teams are now in mid-table after the first matches.

In **Division Two** Burghill lead the way after a winning draw at home to Colwall and Belbroughton's abandoned match at Monmouth was enough for them to hold onto second.

Domines' victory at Combs Wood was the only other game to survive the weather.

Division Three has one side, Rushwick, with two maximums after they

thrashed Alvechurch and Harborne are just four behind after scraping home by two wickets against Old Vigornians.

Third are Chaddesley who crushed Himbleton.

The only other game played contained a fine 128 not out by Matt Branch of Enville.

They piled up 276-2 to draw against Harvington, who then set their own unwanted record by making just 82-7 and thus failing to garner a single point.

Division Four had just one triumphant side after Brintons' crushing win at home to Martley with Lee Waldron taking 8-31.

In **Division Five** Bromsgrove thirds and Old Elizabethans held the table.

They were the only sides to follow last week's wins with winning draws and none of the other three matches could get under way as the rain fell.

Here's to the return of fine weather for next week's matches!

Depleted Saxons are made to suffer

Launceston 50 Stourbridge Saxons 17

A DEPLETED Saxons side conceded eight tries in Cornwall for a disappointing end to the season.

Injuries had left them short, yet it was the visitors who chalked up the first points when, on nine minutes, the ball was swung from left to right where young winger Sam Baker ran in the overlap for the first of two tries.

Launceston hit back with scores from powerful centre Palepoi Nonu and full-back Kieron Lewitt before Saxons scrum-half Peter White intercepted a wayward pass near his own line before running the length of the field to score, writes **David Lawrence**.

That edged the visitors to within four points but six unanswered tries either side of the break saw the Cornishmen race clear.

Winger James Hawken ran in back-to-back tries before the break although a storming run by Wordley almost led to a reply at the start of the second period, the Stourbridge talisman being halted just short of the line.

Answer

The Stourbridge centres had no answer to the powerful running of opposite numbers Nonu and Ryan Westren and it was the latter who terrorised the tiring visitors as the game wore on.

He powered in a 44th-minute try in the corner and claimed a second 10 minutes from time. In between there were further scores from back row Joshua Lord, after a clearing kick had been charged down, and winger Chris Chew.

A brawl 10 minutes from the end resulted in Stourbridge's Billy Moss and home prop Neil Bayliss seeing yellow and the Saxons then lost their other prop Tim Pickard to the bin after he took out the kicker.

Yet the visitors scored an excellent try with the final move of the game, Baker dotting down in the corner with Hearn slotting the conversion.

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